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## City to 'refresh' bridge timeline

### Construction.

Strandherd-Armstrong bridge originally planned for summer 2012 completion



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The timeline for the construction of the Strandherd-Armstrong Bridge could get a "refresh" in the near future, according to the area councillor.

Deputy Mayor Steve Desroches said Tuesday that city engineers are going to update him on the bridge's progress in the coming weeks. Desroches pledged to pass that update along to the public.

"We are refreshing the project timelines, and I will be getting back to the community once I have more information from staff," Desroches said. "We are looking at a schedule, we're looking at getting an updated schedule based on the progress that has been made and any additional work that is now required."

When asked if he anticipates the refreshed timeline to be shorter or longer, Desroches said he'd let the community know when he does.

Desroches' comments came after an Ottawa Business Journal story stated work on the bridge had been halted in January and that several steelworkers had been laid off.

Work on the bridge stopped once before. In March 2012, the contractor,

ConCreate USL, went into receivership. Construction resumed last summer after the city's bonding company chose Horseshoe Hill Construction to complete the work.

At that time, it was estimated that 40 per cent of the work remained unfinished. At a press conference last June, Desroches said the bridge could be finished as early as August of this year.

Desroches said Tuesday that the city is still holding the contractor to a fall 2013 deadline and that taxpayers are protected from any cost overruns.

The bridge, which will link the communities of Riverside South and Barrhaven in the city's south end, was originally expected to be complete in 2012 at a cost of \$102 million.

## NATIONAL DISGRACE

Just days before Flag Day, a tattered Canadian flag flaps in the wind above the gravesite of former prime minister Lester Pearson on Tuesday. For more on the story and the government's response, turn to page 4. **JOE LOFARO/METRO**

### Blast! I fell for a speaker scam!

Muhammed Zakir's "subwoofer" felt heavy, and the brand sounds like it might be Swedish. So it's good quality, right? **Wrong** **PAGE 5**

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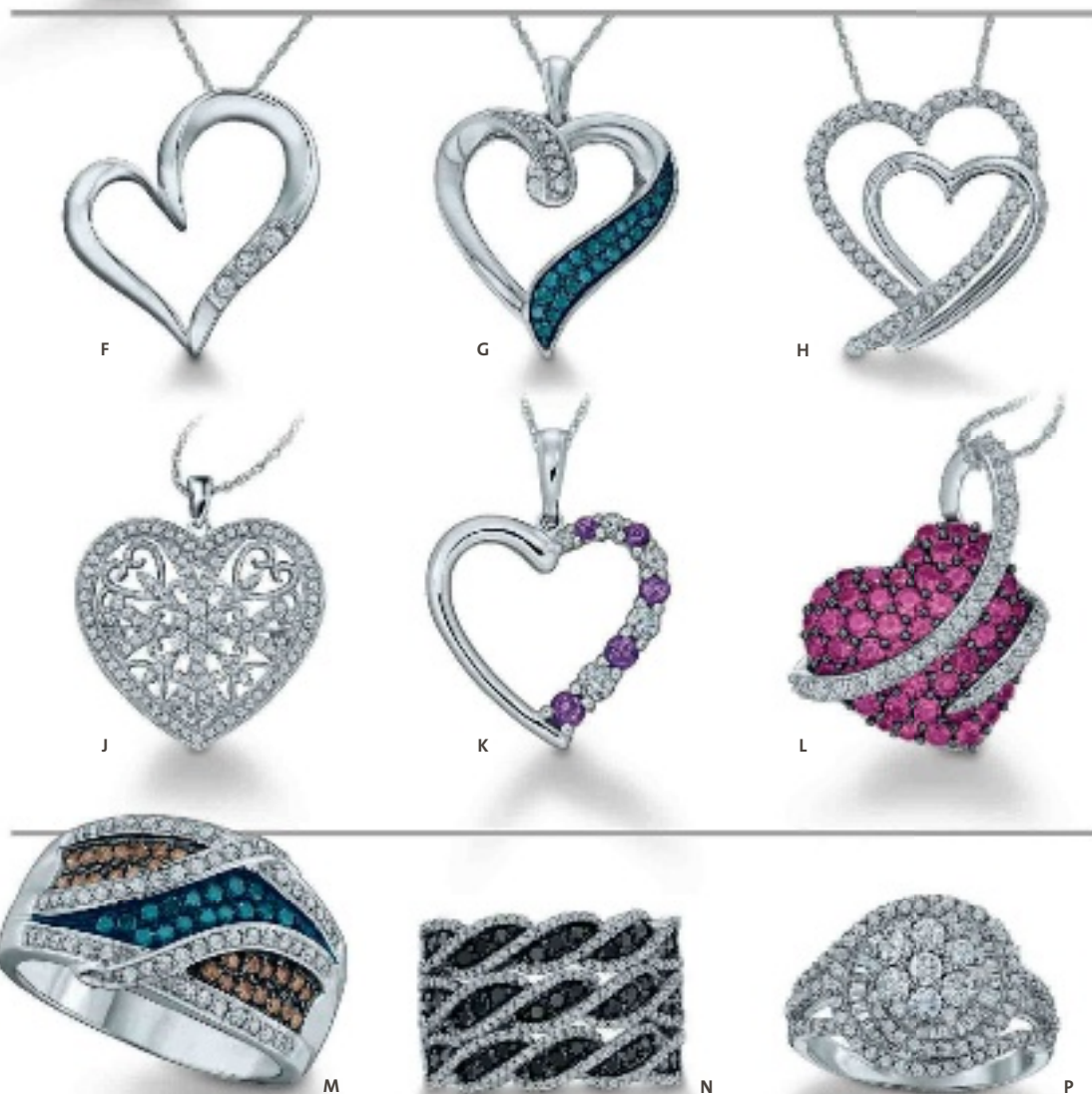


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# Water rates may rise 7% in 2013, 14

**Increase.** If Ottawa's first multi-year water, wastewater budget proposal is approved, average bill will rise \$46.70 this year alone



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Ottawa City Hall is recommending a seven per cent increase in water and wastewater rates for both 2013 and 2014.

If approved, the increases would mean an additional \$46.70 on the average home's water bill in 2013, and an additional \$50.05 in 2014. The hikes are consistent with the city's long-term financial plan, which

projects a six per cent increase in 2015 and 2016 and a five per cent increase each year between 2018 and 2021.

Coun. Maria McRae, the chair of the municipality's environment committee, said the increases are largely driven by infrastructure spending.

"Council has committed to continuously improving our water and sewer systems, and this budget lives up to that commitment," said McRae at a press conference at Ottawa City Hall Tuesday. "These investments are the key drivers of the rate increase."

Of the proposed increases, 70 per cent is earmarked for new infrastructure projects, renewal of aging systems and spending on regulatory requirements and strategic

initiatives.

Some of the planned infrastructure spending will come from rates, while others will be financed through debt. City Treasurer Marian Simulik said the city is still working to find the proper balance between upfront spending and debt financing.

"It's the whole issue of why should ratepayers today pay for everything when it's future ratepayers who'll (benefit)," Simulik told reporters. "And that's why we're using more debt in the short-term, because we don't want ratepayers today to have huge increases."

The 2013 and 2014 budget proposals will go before the city's environment committee later in the spring. They still require council approval.



## Charges laid in stabbing

Police have laid a charge of second-degree murder against 24-year-old Mark Haslett after a stabbing Monday night that happened in this apartment building on Carling Avenue near Pinecrest Road. Tuesday evening police issued a news release saying the man who died was Roland Laflamme, 54. Haslett, who, police believe knew the victim, appeared in court Tuesday and remains in custody pending his next court date. Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact police at 613-236-1222, ext. 5493. **JOE LOFARO/METRO**

## Algonquin College. Event featuring Walking Dead actor cancelled

Algonquin College plans to hand out refunds after one of its events featuring The Walking Dead actor Norman Reedus had to be cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

Bill Kitchen, event coordinator of the Algonquin Students' Association, said Tuesday Reedus is scheduled to work on a feature film next month. The actor was supposed to give a talk about his career in acting at the college's Commons Theatre on March 11.

"We are obviously very disappointed for our students and the Ottawa public," said Kitchen in an email to Metro.

Scott Wolfman of Wolfman Productions Inc., the Connecticut-based production company said to have organized the talk,



**Norman Reedus**  
RUSSELL KAYE, AMC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

also said Tuesday Reedus is working on a movie in March.

Kitchen said refunds will be given to ticket holders beginning Feb. 15.

**JOE LOFARO/METRO**

## Trial. Strip search by cop in 2008 'meant to humiliate her': Crown

The strip search of an intoxicated woman in 2008, in which her shirt and bra were cut off by Ottawa police Sgt. Steven Desjourdy, was meant to humiliate her, argued the crown attorney during closing arguments in the case Tuesday.

"The theory of the Crown is that this was a retaliatory measure meant to humiliate her," said Crown prosecutor Christopher Webb. "Was it reasonably necessary to cut off her shirt and bra? There was no basis in this case to conclude the complainant would take part of her bra under-wiring and use it to harm herself."

Desjourdy has pleaded not guilty to one count of sexual assault related to the controversial cell block

incident. Defence lawyer Michael Eddelson is set to make his closing arguments in the case Wednesday.

Throughout Desjourdy's trial, which began in late September, witnesses have said the search at the Elgin Street jail didn't go by the book.

"Const. Downey testified that 'you're going to have to ask Steve why he did what he did,'" said Webb. "The defendant's conduct was a complete departure from the 'golden framework.'"

Police use the framework to evaluate whether or not they should increase their use of force to deal with unruly suspects, but in this case, "by the time he (Desjourdy) got involved, the exigent circumstances



**Const. Steve Desjourdy**  
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had dissipated," said Webb. **GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO**



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Showing obvious damage from the elements, a Canadian flag flutters above a plaque at the grave of Lester B. Pearson in Wakefield, Que. Pearson, Canada's 14th prime minister, introduced the Maple Leaf. JOE LOFARO/METRO

# Tattered flag at late PM Pearson's grave 'a disgrace,' residents say

**Man who introduced the flag.** Federal officials promise to replace Maple Leaf after Metro inquiries



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Just days before Canada marks Flag Day, a tattered Maple Leaf flew above the grave of the prime minister credited with introducing the bold red-and-white design.

Lester Bowles Pearson, Canada's 14th prime minister and winner of the 1957 Nobel Peace Prize, died in 1972 and was buried at the McLaren Cemetery in Wakefield, Que.

Perched on a snowy hill, the gravesite offers majestic views of Gatineau Park. Looming directly above the grave is a Canadian flag that is ripped along its width — the side of the flag parallel to the flagpole. Next to it is a plaque with Pearson's portrait and an inscription outlining his contributions to Canada, including the Maple Leaf.

It was 48 years ago that the Liberal prime minister introduced the flag in a bid to have it ready for Canada's centennial celebrations. Since 1965, Feb. 15 has been celebrated as National Flag Day of Canada.

The gravesite flag shows signs of prolonged wear and tear, likely due to weather.

But it wasn't until Metro got in touch with Parks Canada on Tuesday that the agency became aware of the flag's

## Canada's 14th prime minister

- Lester Bowles Pearson was born on April 23, 1897, in the Toronto area, and died in Ottawa on Dec. 27, 1972, at the age of 75.
- Before getting into politics, he taught history at the University of Toronto.
- In 1957, he received the Nobel Peace Prize for his key role in resolving the 1956 Suez Crisis.
- Pearson was elected prime minister in 1963 and led the Liberal government for five years.
- He, along with John Matheson and Dr. George Stanley, is credited with introducing the Maple Leaf as the official emblem of Canada on Feb. 15, 1965.
- National Flag Day of Canada is held every Feb. 15 to mark the day the new flag was raised at Parliament Hill.
- A "Do's and Don'ts" section of the Heritage Canada website says those flying a Maple Leaf must "replace a faded or torn flag with a new one. The correct form of disposing of an old flag is by burning it in private."

decrepit condition. Parks Canada administers the National Program for the Grave Sites of Canadian Prime Ministers on behalf of the federal government.

"Thank you for apprising Parks Canada of this issue. We were not aware that the flag was ripped and we will have it replaced," Geneviève Patenaude, an agency spokesperson, wrote in an email.

"These sites remain the responsibility of the respective families and are not gravesites of the State," she added.

Some residents in the capital region were surprised, however, to see the flag in such poor condition.

"I think it's a disgrace," Maureen Landry said outside the nearby Wakefield Mill Hotel & Spa. "All of our heritage

sites should be well-preserved and well-maintained."

Another woman who was in Wakefield on Tuesday said it was "disrespectful" to have a torn flag flying at the former prime minister's gravesite.

"I'm just disappointed that the government is not looking after this," Suzette Lefebvre said. "He was a really good prime minister."

Bob Rae, the interim Liberal leader, said he was "saddened" to hear the flag is in disrepair.

"As the prime minister who introduced the Maple Leaf flag to Canadians, the Liberal party hopes Parks Canada and the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada rectifies the situation as soon as possible and replaces the flag at the gravesite of the former prime minister," Rae said.

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A Metro reporter, left, examines a speaker system being shown to her by a man selling them from a van in downtown Toronto on Monday. METRO

# Anatomy of a back-of-van speaker scam

**Bargain sound system rings hollow.** Parking lot deal a real steal — for the sellers



JESSICA SMITH  
Metro in Toronto

Inside Muhammed Zakir's rølkolsen "subwoofer" there is a large hunk of dense rubbery material that serves no purpose other than to give the speaker weight — weight that's otherwise lacking because some of the technology you would expect to find in a surround-sound system is missing.

The particle board and plastic speakers have a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$2,799, which both the price tag and website where they are listed confirm. The owner of Toronto's Moog Audio pegs the rølkolsen R-10's value at \$20 to \$30.

"These are speakers you would traditionally find in an alarm clock," said Francis Delage while looking over the system that Zakir brought to his store on Monday. After a closer look, he said he'd seen alarm clocks and PA systems that were of higher quality.

Delage doesn't sell rølkolsen, has never heard of the brand and believes they're not available in stores. Zakir bought his speakers from "some guys" in a Walmart parking lot in Vaughan for \$100, in what appears to be what some call the classic white-van speaker scam.

It works pretty much the same way every time. High-



The box and photo containing the rølkolsen speakers sold to Muhammed Zakir. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

pressure salesmen open the back of their van with a sales pitch and a story about unloading supposedly high-end speakers for a bargain because of some unusual circumstances.

"They were saying they're delivery guys and they were delivering this for their boss and manager," Zakir said. "But the company had dispatched one extra and they want to get rid of it right now because if they take it back, it will be returned and be wasted, and they want to make some money off of this one extra."

The box containing the speakers "looked legitimate" he said. Alongside the sky-high manufacturer's suggested retail price tag there are several official-looking decals on the box. One says, "Quality tested by the Council of Electronic Engineers" — a group that has little to no reputation or does not exist. Another is the Alfa Romeo logo with the words "Audio Master" where "Alfa Romeo" would normally be.

It didn't take Zakir long to realize his mistake when he got home and looked closely at the speakers. So he looked up the

brand name on the Internet.

"I Google it and I knew — oh my god," he said. There are warnings online from people across Canada and in other countries about rølkolsen and white-van speaker scams. Some note that the name rølkolsen reminds them of reputable speaker brands Polk Audio and Bang & Olufsen.

Zakir took his speakers to Moog Audio on Queen Street West to find out exactly what was wrong with them.

Delage tested the system and looked inside. The "subwoofer" isn't actually a subwoofer: There's no crossover network to separate out the bass, so the sub plays all frequencies, Delage said.

The other four speakers appear to have a small tweeter for high frequencies, but when Delage pulled off the cover he revealed only a cone-shaped piece of hard plastic.

The "home theatre" also did not come with an amplifier to drive the speakers, and Delage noted that one would have to be purchased. Instead, Zakir opted to go home and leave the surround-sound system behind.

## When does exaggeration become deception?

### 'Fishy' speaker sales don't necessarily break the law

York Regional Police Det. Sgt. Mike Elliott of the major-fraud section said the

back-of-a-van speaker sale "problem" has been going on for decades, with some variations.

"I say 'problem,' as opposed to 'scam,'" he explained. "In this case, you are buying speakers, they just are not what you think they are."

There is a line where

the "problem" becomes an illegal scam, but it isn't obvious, he said. "If they say they're selling speakers and they work, well then they're selling speakers. It depends — when does exaggeration become deception?"

Elliott said it's a typical case of "buyer beware."

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## Health. Tainted toilet seats leave students — and staff — irritated

Six female students at Avalon Public School in Orleans wound up with skin rashes last Friday due to a cleaning product apparently left on toilet seats by mistake.

"I haven't seen the areas affected myself, but I understand the irritation was in the seat shape, so that it was pretty easy for them to put two and two together," said Neil Yorke-Slader, Superintendent of Instruction at the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

He explained the procession of students attending the office with irritations shocked and angered staff and led to an immediate investigation of cleaning equipment and even litmus paper tests on toilet seats at the school. Some 900 students attend the school and he said staff were concerned no other students suffer injuries. The school was cleaned top

### Proper procedures

**"The staff there care about the kids and are there to look out for them."**

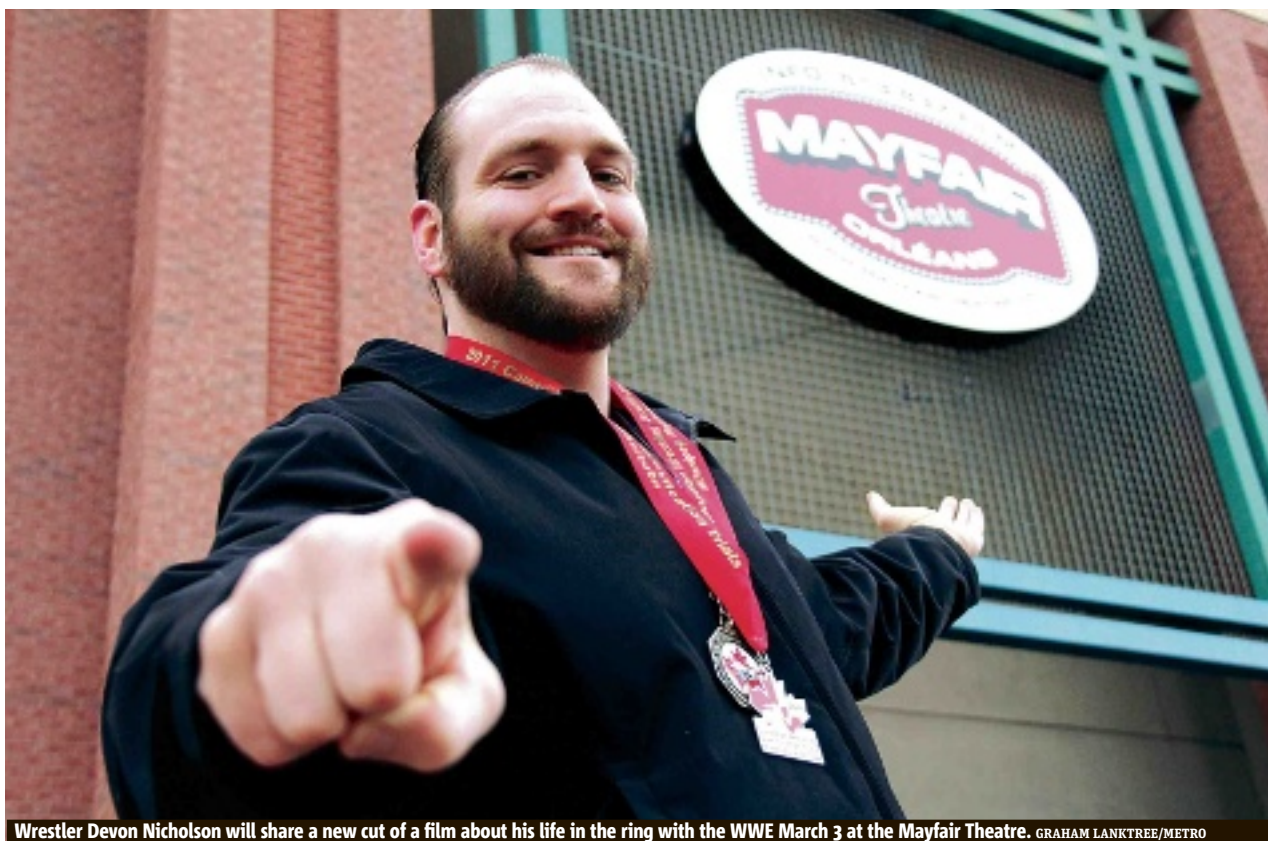
Neil Yorke-Slader, Superintendent of Instruction at the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board

to bottom and parents were notified Sunday evening.

Sure enough, test strips revealed traces of the cleanser in one washroom and not the others, indicating the seats hadn't been wiped down properly.

"You can't begin to imagine how upset the office staff were," said Yorke-Slader, who added the school board has reviewed proper procedures not only with cleaning staff at Avalon, but with cleaners at all of its schools.

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Wrestler Devon Nicholson will share a new cut of a film about his life in the ring with the WWE March 3 at the Mayfair Theatre. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

# Dreaming of an Olympic ending

**Rise and fall.** Former WWE wrestler aims to beat hep C and compete in Brazil 2016



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A move to eliminate wrestling from the Olympics has given Ottawa wrestler Devon Nicholson a new goal. In addition to curing himself of hepatitis C and ensuring a documentary about his life has a happy ending, he wants

to get to Brazil in 2016.

"If I'm cured, I will give Greco-Roman wrestling a shot in the next Olympics. It could be the last one that they have wrestling in," said Nicholson, ahead of a March 3 screening of a new version of This is Hannibal—a film about his rise and fall in the world of WWE professional wrestling after allegedly contracting hepatitis C in a match.

"I didn't like the original ending. It made it seem like my life was completely ruined," said Nicholson, who won silver at the 2012 Canadian Greco-Roman Wrestling

Olympic trials. "I've done a lot of great things since the completion of that version. I'm working very hard right now to get cured."

Nicholson contracted the liver-attacking hepatitis C virus in 2010, and alleges that it was passed to him by another wrestler during an Alberta match that involved the practice of bleeding, which the WWE banned in 2008.

Before he gets to the Olympics, Nicholson, 30, must get through the experimental Incivek triple therapy for the disease, which he says is a battle in itself since he

has already lost 30 pounds. "There's been documented cases of murder and suicides on this drug," he said. "It's just one of the effects."

With the newly cut ending, he hopes viewers will take away a positive feeling from the film. "Part of this is the comeback," he said. "I want to show people that you can be down, but you're never out."

This is Hannibal: The Devon Nicholson Story screens March 3 at the Mayfair Theatre at 250 Centrum Blvd. Tickets are \$12.

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## Patrick Brazeau. Senator shows up for work in time to be put on forced leave

Senators have voted to force Sen. Patrick Brazeau, who is facing criminal charges, to take a leave of absence.

The Conservative motion passed Tuesday "to protect the dignity and reputation of the Senate and the public trust and confidence in Parliament."

Brazeau, 38, made a surprise appearance just prior to the vote, which also gave a Senate committee the power to cut off access to his expense account.

Brazeau, who is currently free on bail, has been charged with assault and sexual assault.

If convicted, he could either

### Anti-Senate

# 32%

A Canadian Press/Harris Decima poll says 32 per cent of respondents feel the Senate should be abolished.

be suspended or expelled by the Senate or he could choose to resign.

Brazeau was charged on the very day a Senate committee declared it would call in auditors to review his housing expenses. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Sen. Patrick Brazeau leaves a vote in which he was forced to take a leave of absence by the Senate chamber. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Wanted ex-cop believed to have died in burning cabin

**California.** Deputy killed in latest shootout with man thought to be Christopher Dorner

The man believed to be fugitive ex-cop Christopher Dorner never came out of a California mountain cabin, and a single shot was heard inside before the cabin was engulfed in flames, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press.

The official requested anonymity because of the ongoing investigation.

A fourth person — a deputy — died earlier in the latest confrontation with America's most-wanted man, which seemed to be coming to an end.

Officials were waiting for the fire to burn out before ap-

### Wasn't yet identified

"We have reason to believe that it is him."

Bernardino County sheriff's spokeswoman Cynthia Bachman on the person inside the blazing cabin.



The cabin in Big Bear, Calif., where ex-Los Angeles police officer Christopher Dorner was believed to have barricaded himself, burns unopposed on Tuesday. KABC-TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

proaching to search for a body.

The cabin was ablaze in the late afternoon after police surrounded it in the snowy woods of Big Bear, a resort town about 128 kilometres east of Los Angeles.

Bachman didn't say how the fire started but noted there

was gunfire between the person in the cabin and law enforcement officers around the home before the blaze began.

Two San Bernardino County deputies were shot. One died and the other was expected to live after undergoing surgery.

TV helicopters showed the

fire burning freely with no apparent effort to extinguish it.

Authorities have focused their hunt for Dorner there since they said he launched a campaign to exact revenge against the Los Angeles Police Department for his firing.

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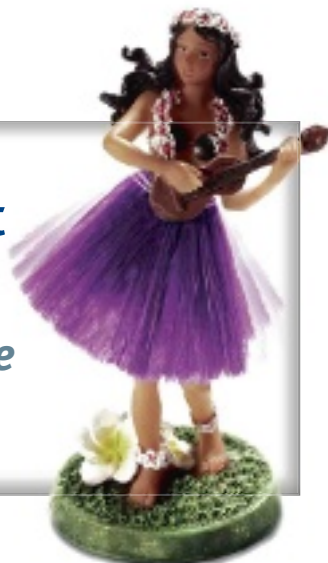


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## Got a zombie plan? Quebec prepares to beat back the endless ranks of the dead

If the unbreathing hordes do rise one day to take their long-awaited revenge against the living, Quebec's public security department plans to be ready.

Participants at an annual symposium on civil security next week will be discussing, among other topics, how they would handle a zombie attack.

A department spokesman says the exercise has a serious purpose: the drill is meant to simulate a real-life catastrophe.

"When we're talking about zombies, we're talking about a training concept," says Denis Landry, director of disaster recovery.

Hypothetical zombie attacks are becoming a popular emergency-preparedness teaching tool. Even the Centers for Disease Control in the United States has used the tactic. It has a graphic novel on its website dubbed Preparedness 101: Zombie Pandemic.

The idea behind the exercise is that if you're ready to fend off the shambling legions, you're probably ready for anything.

"Just about every U.S. state has adopted this type of exercise," Landry said.

British Columbia conducted a similar exercise last May, hoping to generate awareness of social media tools that could help in real emergencies.

### Infectious horrors

"It's ... designed to prepare authorities for any kind of disaster, right up to pandemics."

Denis Landry, director of disaster recovery with the Quebec civil security department

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security held yet another exercise last September.

But don't expect any fake blood or face-paint at the event in Laval, near Montreal. Landry says there won't actually be a ghoulish dramatization.

The event will consist of several hundred first responders, civil-security experts, firemen and municipal officials.

The zombie workshop will take place over three days. Participants will deal with a number of issues: infections, infrastructure damage, death, housing issues, work absences and the drop in tourism.

Landry says the vengeful dead will force officials to think outside the box.

"The idea is for them not to get caught in a scenario they already know — for example, the annual flooding in the Montérégie or the 1996 Saguenay floods or the 1998 ice storm," Landry said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Marc Ouellet

## Stephen Colbert fears Canuck pope

Is the world ready for a Canadian pope? Stephen Colbert says no.

Colbert devoted most of his satirical news show The Colbert Report to coverage of the pope's resignation, including papal candidates such as Quebec native Cardinal Marc Ouellet.

"The Pope cannot be polite," said Colbert. "I'm sorry but I think God might not want you to use a condom, eh' won't work."

He also feared Ouellet might replace the golden staff with a hockey stick.

"After all, God's an American," Colbert explained. "That's why the Bible is in English."

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Starvation worries

## May be time for polar bear welfare: Report

Several top scientists say it may soon be time to start setting out food for some polar bear populations.

In a new paper, the researchers argue the loss of sea ice the bears use to hunt is so advanced in some areas the predators may need help to survive.

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## State of the Union. Speech reflects Obama's war command shake-up

President Barack Obama said Tuesday he will bring home within a year about half of the 66,000 U.S. troops now in Afghanistan, shrinking the force to the size he found it when he entered the White House vowing to reinvigorate a stalemated war.

More will leave the battlefield in 2014, he said, but he did not spell out what U.S. military presence would remain after 2014, when the U.S.-led combat mission is scheduled to end. The stated goal is to prepare Afghanistan's army and police to handle the Taliban insurgency largely on their own by

then.

Obama said that his war goals could be achieved by bringing 34,000 U.S. troops home by this time next year, leaving somewhere between 32,000 and 34,000 to support and train Afghan forces.

Without going into specifics, Obama said the phase-out of American combat troops in Afghanistan will continue in 2014. "This drawdown will continue. And by the end of next year, our war in Afghanistan will be over," he said, adding that al-Qaida is no longer the threat it was on Sept. 11, 2001.

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President Barack Obama gestures toward Vice-President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner before his speech. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Obama: 'Nuclear tests do not make North Korea more secure'



A South Korean protester shouts slogans during an anti-North Korea rally following the report of a nuclear test conducted by North Korea, in Seoul on Tuesday. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Unbridled threat.

International community decries atomic testing that could lead to the development of a missile-bomb powerful enough to hit the U.S.

Defying UN warnings, North Korea conducted its third nuclear test in the remote, snowy northeast on Tuesday, taking a crucial step toward its goal of building a bomb small enough to be fitted on a missile capable of striking the United States.

North Korea said the atomic test was merely its "first response" to what it called U.S.

### Quoted

"(North Korea has) increasingly isolated and impoverished its people through its ill-advised pursuit of weapons of mass destruction."

Barack Obama

threats, and said it will continue with unspecified "second and third measures of greater intensity" if Washington maintains its hostility.

The underground test, which set off powerful seismic waves, drew immediate condemnation from Washington, the UN and others. Even its only major ally, China, summoned the North's ambassador for a dressing-down.

President Barack Obama, who gave a State of the Union address later Tuesday, said nuclear tests "do not make North Korea more secure." Instead, North Korea has "increasingly isolated and impoverished its people through its ill-advised pursuit of weapons of mass destruction," he said in a statement.

But the Obama administration's options for a response are limited, and a U.S. military strike is highly unlikely.

In an emergency session, the UN Security Council unanimously said the test poses "a clear threat to international peace and security" and pledged further action.

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## 'Marriage for all' bill. France's lower house approves gay marriage

France's lower house of parliament approved a sweeping bill on Tuesday to legalize gay marriage and allow same-sex couples to adopt children, handing a major legislative victory to President Francois Hollande's Socialists on a divisive social issue.

The measure, approved in the National Assembly in a 329-to-229 vote, puts France on track to join about a dozen mostly European nations that allow gay marriage and adoption — making them the largest European countries to do so. The Netherlands, Belgium, Norway and Spain, as well as Argentina, Canada and South Africa have authorized gay marriage, along with nine U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

The issue has exposed fault lines between a progressive-minded leftist legislative majority in officially secular France, and the country's conservative religious roots. Critics have railed that the bill would erode the traditional family. Socialists, however, sought to depict the issue as one of equal rights.

With Tuesday's vote,

### Equal rights

**"Liberty, Equality and Fraternity."**

France's Revolution-era motto. Governing Socialists depicted the same-sex marriage and adoption issue as one of equal rights, and they played off the famed motto.

France joins Britain in taking a major legislative step in recent weeks toward allowing gay marriage and adoption — making them the largest European countries to do so. The Netherlands, Belgium, Norway and Spain, as well as Argentina, Canada and South Africa have authorized gay marriage, along with nine U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

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## Performers in Rio Carnival

Performers from the Unidos de Vila Isabel samba school parade during Carnival celebrations at the iconic Sambadrome in Rio de Janeiro, Tuesday. Rio de Janeiro's samba schools vied for the title of the year's best in the all-night-long Carnival. HASSAN AMMAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Paparazzi pics. Pregnant Kate in bikini? Royals condemn planned publication

Royal officials in Britain have expressed disappointment that paparazzi shots of Prince William and his wife on a beach holiday in the Caribbean may be published by an Italian magazine.

St. James's Palace said Tuesday that publishing the photos would be a "clear breach of the couple's right to privacy."

The palace did not say whether officials would be prepared to take legal action against the gossip magazine.

The photos reportedly show the pregnant Duchess of Cambridge — the former Kate Middleton — wearing a bikini and strolling on a beach with Prince William on the island of Mustique.

The Italian gossip magazine Chi was reportedly planning to publish the pictures Wednesday.

Last September, the magazine — which is owned by former Italian premier Silvio Berlusconi — published a 26-page special featuring topless photos of the duchess while she and William vacationed in the south of France.

The royal couple took legal



The Duchess of Cambridge is seen in London after viewing a portrait of herself in January. GETTY IMAGES

action to halt the use of those intimate photos, but had only limited success.

Although a French court ordered the gossip magazine Closer to stop further publication of the pictures, they went on to be published in Berlusconi's Chi, as well as other publications across Europe.

They also received wide publication on the legally hard-to-control Internet.

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# Benedict XVI to go silent in retirement

## New pontiff by Easter.

Retiring Pope to live in a Vatican City building adjacent to a monastery; he may even withdraw from theological writing

the election of his successor.

And he deepened the sense of finality by saying that Benedict's papal ring and other powerful emblems of authority will be destroyed after his Feb. 28 abdication — just as they are after a papal death.

So, while the first papal resignation in 600 years has left behind a vast uncharted territory to navigate — how does one address or even dress a retired pope? — the church has tried to send a clear message that Benedict will not be pulling strings from behind the scenes. His brother, Monsignor Georg Ratzinger, says the Pope will be withdrawing

## New life of contemplation

**“The Pope will surely say absolutely nothing about the process of the election.... He will not interfere in any way.”**

Vatican spokesman Rev. Federico Lombardi

The Vatican's senior communications adviser, Greg Burke, said the fact that Benedict had chosen to live in a monastery is significant. “It is something that he has wanted to do for a while.”

even further from religious life — probably even giving up his beloved theological writing.

“The Pope will surely say absolutely nothing about the process of the election,” Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi told reporters at a briefing.

“He will not interfere in any way.”

The Vatican has already picked out the Pope's future home: A four-storey building attached to a monastery on the northern edge of the Vatican gardens where cloistered nuns used to live.

It has been under renovation for months, but only a handful of officials knew it would be Benedict's home.

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A statuette depicting Pope Benedict XVI carrying a suitcase and holding up a sign reading, in German, Auf Wiedersehen (goodbye), is seen in a shop in Naples, Italy, on Tuesday. SALVATORE LAPORTA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# KEYS TO E-DATING SUCCESS: HOW TO SHINE ONLINE

If you do decide to find romance on the Net, keep these tips in mind to create a winning dating-site profile

**Relationship.** Establish the type of relationship you are looking for. Are you looking for a fling, casual dating or a potential long-term relationship? After you establish a clear goal, it will be easier to find an online dating service that suits your needs.

**Profile name.** Depending on the type of online-dating website you sign up for, your username should indicate you are serious about meeting people. Avoid names with numbers or "xx." Just your first name should suffice if you are wary about using your full name.

**Profile photo.** Pick a recent photo that shows your true self (not super drunk, not dressed for the clubs and no bikini shots). The most important part is to look confident and happy without trying too hard, and you will attract positive suitors.

**Personal facts.** Be honest in your profile, especially when it comes to age, body type, whether you smoke or drink and if you have kids. You wouldn't want the people you meet online to lie about who they are, right?

**About me.** Your description should be brief, but make it stand out. Try not to sound too cliché but do take this part of the profile to talk about who you are and why you're trying online dating. Are you too busy with work to go out to the clubs every weekend but are looking to meet someone worth your time?

**Interests.** Describe your idea of a perfect first date, as this will give an indication of what you like to do for fun. Describe something that sounds engaging and interactive, such as hanging out in a board-game café or playing a round of miniature golf.

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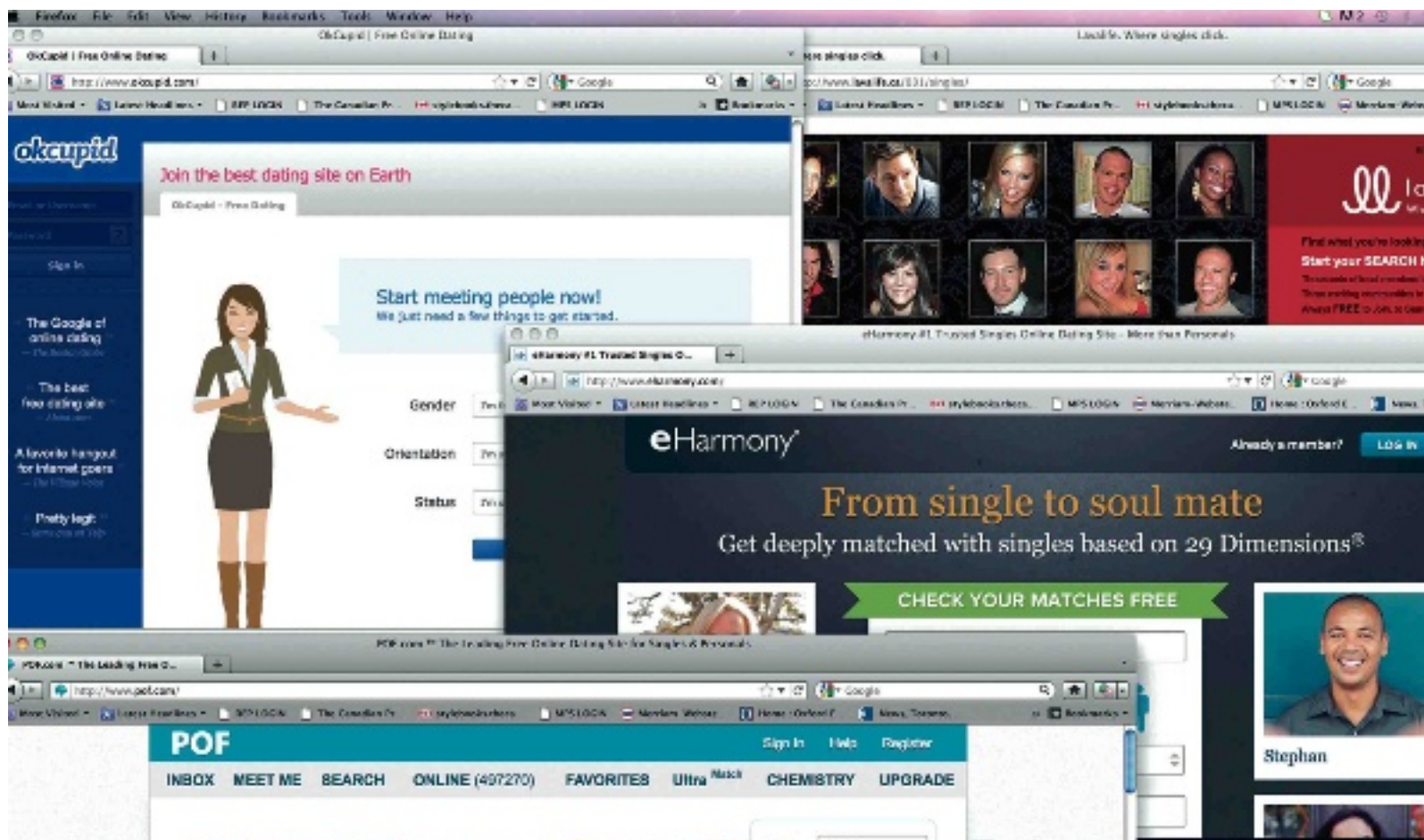
## Since You Asked

**My idea of a fun date:** none selected

**I like to talk about:** none selected

**My friends would describe me as:** none selected





Both paid and free dating websites have their positives and negatives, experts say. SCREEN GRAB/OKCUPID.COM, LAVALIFE.COM, PLENTYOFFISH.COM, EHARMONY.CA

# Should you pay to play the dating game?

**Where to go.** Paid and free sites tend to attract different types of clients with different sets of priorities, experts say

RYAN TUMILTY  
Metro in Edmonton

When preparing to jump into the online dating universe, is it better to jump in with just your heart or with your wallet as well?

As online dating sites have cropped up, some have opened their doors to members free of charge, while others have monthly subscriptions for those looking for love.

Kimberly Moffit, Match.com's relationship insider, argues that paid sites are there for more committed individuals who are interested



in serious relationships.

"It just distinguishes the people who are willing to put the investment in and those who aren't," said Moffit. "They are ready to make an investment in their love life."

Moffit argues that any online dating is a good thing, but people on paid sites are more likely to be taking their search seriously.

"They are more likely looking for some of the same things you are," she said.

## Quoted

**"(Paying for a site) just distinguishes the people who are willing to put the investment in and those who aren't."** Kimberly Moffit, Match.com's relationship insider

Christine Hart, a Toronto-based dating coach, said both types of sites have advantages, but free sites tend to attract a different type of prospective dater.

"If they are going to go on the free sites, then they need to be prepared to put in a lot more time sifting through, because the free sites attract people with all levels of goals," she said.

Part of the benefit of paid dating sites is that they attract fewer people, she added. "You can spend twice as much time sifting through profiles on the free dating sites," she said.

Julie Spira, author of the book *The Perils of Cyber-Dat-*

ing, said she and her clients see benefits to both types of sites.

"It is very common for someone to pick a paid site, and then they will also pick a free site."

She said free sites attract huge numbers of people, which can be appealing simply for the sheer quantity of prospective partners.

"Because they are free ... they have huge critical mass," she said.

Spira said clients who pay for a dating site tend to pay more attention to the service.

"I find that a lot of them log into their paid sites more often because they are invested," she said.

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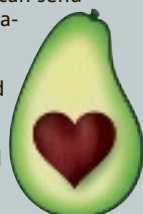
## E-Bytes: Five free iPhone apps for tech-savvy couples

• **Couple App.** Couple is like Facebook, but it can only be shared by two people. You can send messages, chat via Facetime, share photos and video, create moments via doodles and track important dates and tasks. There's also a



"Thinking of you" button when that's all you want to say.

• **Avocado App.** Like Couple, Avocado is shared with only one special person. You can send private messages, track milestones together and share them on Twitter as a pair and even send



virtual hugs and kisses so you're never too far away from your sweetheart.

• **Tokii App.** Tokii helps you get in touch with your partner's feelings. You can send each other notes starting with "I feel" or "You're making me feel." The app aims to



keep couples engaged and aware of one another's moods by providing interactive games and relationship advice, which can take your relationship to the next level.

• **Wunderlist 2.** Although not exclusively for couples, nothing is more annoying than your partner forgetting to pick up the dry-cleaning or something at the grocery store. Wunderlist 2 helps couples

plan, share and keep track of tasks and even plan vacations together. It's able to sync the lists across all the devices you are using.

• **Between App.** Between is a private-messaging space that lets you and your partner create a chrono-



logical timeline tracking the special moments in your relationship. You can bookmark your favourite memories, such as photos and messages, and store them in a Memory Box, as well as find date-night deals via the Event Box.



## Stay safe. Don't let your heart get you in trouble online: Cops

While the new online dating world is full of opportunities, it can also be full of peril.

Police have noticed that the excitement that comes with online romance can attract the wrong type of people — those who may cause physical or financial harm.

Acting Sgt. Kathy Macdonald with the Calgary Police Service said new relationships sometimes prevent people from seeing the bigger picture.

"When people get wrapped up in a relationship, they can't see what's going on," she said.

Macdonald said fraud artists using online dating sites can go after many potential victims in just one day.

"They will often get a hold of a lot of people at the same time," she said.

According to Macdonald, scam artists often approach someone and strike up a conversation before claiming to have run into sudden and unexplained financial difficulties.

She said if they receive money from their victims, new problems will emerge, and there will be more requests for help.

Macdonald said there could also be physical dangers and she cautions people to take things slowly in the early days of a new relationship.

"Listen to your intuition and be aware of your surroundings," she advised.

Macdonald said making the first date a group meeting is a good idea, but it's essential that it be in a public place and that you tell people where you're going.

"Really, you don't know that person; you don't know who is going to show up."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO IN EDMONTON





## Can't go to the show? Pass it on

Ticketmaster will now allow fans to transfer tickets to friends or family digitally at no extra charge. Ticket buyers must sign into their accounts at Ticketmaster.com and email the tickets to recipients, the company said Tuesday. The technology will be incorporated into its mobile app this spring ahead of the summer concert season. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

### Economic forecast

## Regional salary divide deepening

A new economic forecast says salaries in Saskatchewan and Alberta are going up faster than expected while Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia are lagging.

The Conference Board of

Canada's latest forecast says Canadian non-union salaries are projected to rise three per cent nationally — in line with its summer estimates — but notes regional differences have become more pronounced.

Salary growth in Ontario and British Columbia is projected to be 2.5 per cent and Quebec's growth is only

slightly higher at 2.7 per cent — all lower than forecast in the summer.

By contrast, Alberta's increases are now expected to come in at 3.9 per cent, which is one-tenth of a point better than expected, while the estimate for Saskatchewan has been raised by three-tenths of a point to four per cent.

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# Multinationals not paying their fair share: OECD

**Fat cat tax.** Global forum report claims lenient taxes create competitive disadvantage

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development says large multinationals are using legal loopholes to avoid paying their fair share of taxes and that global solutions are needed to combat the problem.

The OECD report says many rules designed to protect multinational corporations from being double-taxed go too far and sometimes allow them to pay no taxes at all.

It says such rules do not properly reflect today's economic integration across borders, the value of intellectual property or new communication technologies.

The G20 countries commis-

sioned the OECD study, which was released Tuesday ahead of a weekend meeting of finance ministers and central bankers from 20 of the world's leading economies.

The OECD says the gaps that enable multinationals to eliminate or reduce their taxation give them an unfair competitive advantage over smaller businesses.

That hurts investment, growth and employment and can leave average citizens footing a larger chunk of the tax bill, the OECD says.

"These strategies, though technically legal, erode the tax base of many countries and threaten the stability of the international tax system," OECD Secretary General Angel Gurría said Tuesday in releasing the study.

"As governments and their citizens are struggling to make ends meet, it is critical that all

### The right rates

- The report does not suggest optimal tax rates, since each government decides that on its own.
- However, the OECD said that in coming months it will draw up a plan in co-operation with governments and the business community that will further quantify the corporate taxes lost and provide concrete methods and timelines for reinforcing the integrity of the global tax system.

taxpayers — private and corporate — pay their fair amount of taxes and trust the international tax system is transparent."

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## Rogers, Telus urge watchdog to scrap the wireless cap

Two of the country's largest telecom companies have some advice for Canada's telecommunications regulator as it considers imposing new rules for cellphone contracts: Scrap the \$50 cap.

A \$50 spending limit on extra wireless data charges is one of several ideas on the table as the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission holds hearings on a proposed new wireless code.

But executives from Rogers Communications and Telus say

a spending cap would be a bad idea.

"That's very disruptive to customers," Rogers' regulatory chief Ken Engelhart said Tuesday. "It's very disruptive to be cut off."

Under the CRTC's draft code, wireless companies would have to suspend some services when a customer reaches either \$50 in additional charges over and above what they pay for their monthly plan — through roaming fees, for example — or an amount each consumer

would set.

Earlier Tuesday, Telus told the commission it already caps charges incurred outside Canada at \$200, according to the Financial Post.

There are better ways to warn customers about their data usage, such as alerts sent to a handheld device, Rogers executives said.

Much of the testimony so far has focused on the length of cellphone contracts, locked devices and roaming and cancellation fees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Discussion ban**

**N.Y. town sued for fracking hush**

Two environmental groups filed a federal lawsuit on Tuesday against Sanford, an upstate New York town, claiming it violated residents' right to free speech by banning discussion of natural gas drilling at town board meetings.

Natural gas development using high-volume hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a major political issue in the state, with Gov. Andrew Cuomo expected to decide soon whether to lift a 4 1/2-year-old moratorium on it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# WILL BENEDICT GET TO KEEP HIS POPEMOBILE?



**JUST SAYIN'**  
Paul Sullivan  
metronews.ca

The Pope can't retire, can he? I was under the impression that he had to stick it out to the bitter end, like poor old John Paul II, who endured two assassination attempts, Parkinson's, a number of cancer scares and a tracheotomy, finally expiring close to his 85th birthday after 25 years on the Papal Throne.

But Benedict the XVI isn't waiting for heaven to call, announcing, in Latin no less (which adds the kind of gravity only a dead language can deliver), that he's gone at the end of the month.

Seeing as a pope hasn't resigned since 1415, no one is quite sure what to think or do. I mean, who wants to be the pope when there already is one, albeit retired, looking over your shoulder? It's hard enough being infallible; try it when there's a former incumbent with 20-20 hindsight (even more infallible) kicking around.

## Big shoes to fill

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Along with how can you go from being infallible to inactive, Benedict's announcement prompts numerous questions.

For instance, will they set up a retirement wing at Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer retreat, complete

with a putting green where the retired pontiff can play a little golfo?

Does he have to give back the Shoes of the Fisherman? Or does the new pope get to shop for new shoes?

How about the Keys to the Kingdom? Does he have to hand them in to the Swiss Guards at the end of his shift on Feb. 28?

Ex-presidents get to keep their secret security details; does a retired prelate get to keep the Popemobile so he can tool around Rome in relative comfort and security?

What do we call a former pope? Your Former Holiness? Is he still holy, or is there only enough holiness for one pope at a time?

Benedict is more than a little conservative — and more than a little cranky. So the College of Cardinals is going to have to take that into account when anointing the next Pope. How can they pick a big (literally) liberal like John XXIII when Benedict is still around, quick to observe that they'd never get away with that when HE was II Papa?

Still, Benedict's timing is almost infallible. The papacy is in real need of a refresh. Along with the usual threats from sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, Roman Catholicism has been rocked by a series of unholy scandals, some of them involving the Vatican (the, er, butler did it). A new, progressive pope could go a long way in recapturing the spiritual high ground.

Let's hope that whoever he is, he's ready to shop for a new pair of shoes.

# Unlikely bedfellows bunk up



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## San Diego Zoo

### Scaredy-cat gets a companion dog

It may sound like a doomed love story, but some dogs love big cats.

Cheetahs are the fastest mammals in the world, but they also are the world's biggest scaredy-cats — so much so that they don't breed easily and are in danger of extinction.

Some zoos are introducing "companion dogs" to serve as playmates and to provide the cats with an example.

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## Dinnertime

### "In this relationship, the dog is dominant, but we look for dogs that want to be a buddy.... Dogs worry about their cats. They protect their cats."

Janet Rose-Hinojosa, animal training supervisor at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park

Rose-Hinojosa said that because the dogs are the dominant animal in the relationship, mealtimes are always spent apart. The dogs eat kibble and the cheetahs eat steak. "If they ate together there would be one really fat dog and a really skinny cheetah," she said.

## Endangered species

### Population drops over 100 years

A century ago there were 100,000 cheetahs in the wild, said Jack Grisham, vice-president of animal collections at the St. Louis Zoo. Today there are fewer than 12,000. The species has become extinct in at least 13 countries. There are about 280 captive cheetahs in zoos across the U.S.

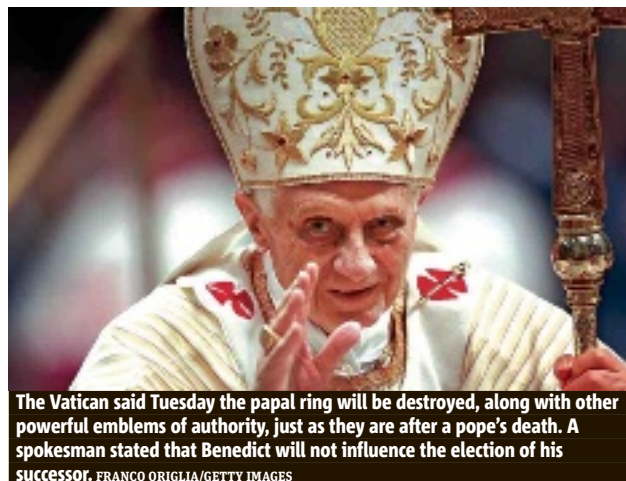
As efforts to save the species continue, Grisham worries there is no wild to send them home to because habitat is being swallowed up by developers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A cheetah's claws don't retract, so they have footing that takes them from zero to 96 kilometres per hour in 3.4 seconds.

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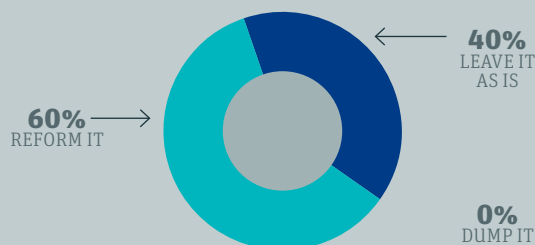


The Vatican said Tuesday the papal ring will be destroyed, along with other powerful emblems of authority, just as they are after a pope's death. A spokesman stated that Benedict will not influence the election of his successor. FRANCO ORIGLIA/GETTY IMAGES



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### @kiebi:

I don't care how in love you are, getting married in your early 20's seems a lot like leaving a party at 9:00pm before the s--t even starts.



Beautiful franchise?

## Finding the next cash cow



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Film studio executives are always on the lookout for properties that can be spun into profitable movie franchises.

And for good reason.

Following an interesting set of characters over the course of multiple movies can be a cash cow. The James Bond movies have earned more than \$6 billion, while Harry, Ron and Hermione have raked in almost \$8 billion since their series debut in 2001.

This weekend producers are hoping to kick off the Beautiful Creatures franchise. The supernatural romance has Twilight-ish overtones, a cast that mixes new stars like Emmy Rossum with established faces like Viola Davis and Emma Thompson, and the kind of good versus evil tale that propelled Harry Potter to the upper echelons of the box office.

But not all movies catch on with audiences in the way that the super spy and wizard have.

I Am Number Four, starring Alex Pettyfer and Glee's Dianna Agron, fizzled. Rotten Tomatoes said, "familiar plot and unconvincing performances add up to one noisy, derivative and ultimately forgettable sci-fi thriller."

With sales of more than 60 million copies, the book series Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events seemed to have natural franchise possibilities. With 13 books in the collection there's source material galore, but even though the Jim Carrey movie did well no sequels emerged.



Emmy Rossum stars in Beautiful Creatures. CONTRIBUTED

# Good girl gone bad

**Emmy Rossum.**  
Actress ditches 'nice girl' roles to play deadly siren in Beautiful Creatures



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Actress and singer Emmy Rossum is tired of playing the good girl, which is why she jumped at the chance to take on the role of deadly siren Ridley in the screen adaptation of the best-selling young adult novel Beautiful Creatures. Being bad, she insists, is just more fun.

**The film's leads, Alden Ehrenreich and Alice Englert, said they initially passed on the film and had to be convinced to do it. How about you?**

No, I was totally selfishly wanting to be in the movie because

this is such a fun character. I read (the script) and then I read the first book and auditioned, got the part and was overjoyed. I love the character, she's so ballsy and fun and a different kind of villain than we're used to seeing.

**With this and Shameless, you're playing some really interesting, juicy characters, different from the types of roles you started with.**

Nice girl roles, mhm. Playing the nice girl in Day After Tomorrow, Poseidon, Phantom of the Opera, those kinds of characters were coming more easily to me in terms of just getting the parts. I think that these characters for me were just more thrilling because I like to try to find the humanity and emotional understanding of characters that don't always do the right thing. I think that grey area is more fun to explore, it's more close to real life. What I like to do in

characters is play against what you think that stereotype of that person would be.

You think about this girl (in Beautiful Creatures) who's a villain, who's happy to watch men get run over by trains walking toward her, you think of somebody who's quite malicious. But if you play it with a sense of fun and happiness, all of a sudden it becomes, "Oh, that's an interesting choice."

**Congratulations on the season four renewal for Shameless.**

Thank you. I'm excited to see where the character could go. The rest of this season has me working in different jobs until I seem to kind of find a steadier job as a telemarketer for a company called Universal Cup that makes disposable beverage cups. And I have a very cute, interesting boss, which can prove to be a problem.

**You have a new album out,**

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**Sentimental Journey, with songs from the mid-20th century.**

It's an ongoing struggle and negotiation with my own brain, trying to figure out what project gets what amount of time. But I really wanted to make this record, which is why I did it with my own money and then partnered with Warners to release it. ... This is all the music that I grew up with, so there were obvious ones that I wanted to put on, like Frank Sinatra's Summer Wind and Apple Blossom Time.

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# Lending a voice to animated aliens

**Escape from Planet Earth.** Metro talks to Jessica Alba and Rob Corddry about their new film, nerd-burgers and family flicks



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Escape from Planet Earth stars Jessica Alba and Rob Corddry sit down with Metro to talk about their new animated film — but things get silly pretty fast. And Alba has a special message to kids: don't be too popular in high school.

**You've been doing this together for a bit. At what point do you just start messing with each other in interviews?**

**Rob Corddry:** God no!

**Jessica Alba:** I don't know. No, I would never do that. That's, like, so rude. Plus, he's like my elder, so I just try not to be disrespectful.

**RC:** That's true. So you sense the wisdom, and you just want to sort of bathe in it.



Escape from Planet Earth hits theatres Feb. 14. CONTRIBUTED

You want to bathe in my wisdom.

**JA:** Yeah, I do. I mean just the fact that I'm even here is ... it's a blessing. I'm very lucky. I'm pinching myself. Is this a dream?

**RC:** This is really good for me, thank you.

**How many times do you think audiences need to be told before they finally figure out that smart people should be respected?**

**RC:** That it's a good thing, being smart? Well, this is a very good time for nerds in general. So hopefully you're

seeing it a lot more because it is more pervasive now, and kids will want to be smart.

**JA:** Like, anyone who peaks in high school is a loser in life. So don't peak in high school.

**RC:** Yeah, do poorly in high school.

**JA:** Socially! Don't peak socially. Just make sure you're unpopular. Right?

**RC:** Oh God, yeah. I hope my kids are just nerdy introverts.

**JA:** Nerd-burgers.

**What do you look for, as parents, in a family film?**

## Exclusively online

Metro also caught up with Escape from Planet Earth co-stars Sofia Vergara and William Shatner. While Vergara had some kind words for her fans back home in Colombia, things got a little weird with Shatner. To see the video, go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)



**RC:** I like to enjoy it myself. It makes it a lot easier, right?

**JA:** Something that you don't hate is awesome as a parent.

**RC:** Because you're going to watch it a lot. We're lucky, too. I think it's a good time to be parents in terms of media. Like, I missed the whole ... what are the Australian dudes that sing?

**JA:** The Teletubbies? And the Wiggles. And the Barney.

**RC:** The Barney. We missed all of that. We have Pixar, and [Escape from Planet Earth]. So that's great.

**Well, I like to see that you're not actually tearing each other apart.**

**JA:** Just wait till you leave. It's on.



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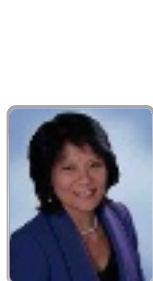
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# The American Dream for a pair of KGB spies

## New drama.

Matthew Rhys and Keri Russell balance their spy partnership with a suburban Washington Reagan-era existence

It all started with a slap for Matthew Rhys. Trying out for *The Americans*, he took one in the puss from Keri Russell.

This new FX drama, whose third episode airs Wednesday at 10 p.m. EST, focuses on two KGB spies posing as an ordinary American couple shortly after Ronald Reagan became president.

As Philip and Elizabeth Jennings, they have a comfortable home in a Washington suburb, two sweet kids, a travel agency they run and, by all signs, a solid piece of the American Dream. No one would suspect that they are Russian-born plants bent on burying the United States with subterfuge and brutality.

No one, that is, except their new neighbour, FBI agent Stan Beeman (played by Noah Emmerich with an infectious mix of cunning and dorkiness), who has recently moved in with his family across the street. He represents just one among the

many threats of exposure, imprisonment or death they face daily.

"It's an incredible balancing act to portray the domesticity of their suburban lives and the struggle of their relationship as an arranged couple, and then the extreme spy stuff," says Rhys.

"The balancing act is very difficult," echoes Russell in a separate interview. "We're spies, but how much do you play that reality? And how do you play the masquerade that you're NOT a spy? There are so many layers to it."

*The Americans* is a good old-fashioned thriller, set in a world without cellphones, Internet and PCs, where gumption counts as much as gadgetry in the espionage game. In *The Americans*, the world is a very anxious place, yet is handily divided between good and the evil empire (as Reagan dubbed the Soviet Union).

Meanwhile, the series calls on viewers to root for Philip and Elizabeth as they risk everything to advance this "evil empire."

However driven in their partnership, they are butting heads. Elizabeth despises American values. She is fiercely devoted to the cause of Mother Russia. But Philip is torn: He



Keri Russell and Matthew Rhys play a suburban couple out to bury the U.S. on *The Americans*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

doesn't think the U.S. is such a bad place. "That kind of disagreement is something I understand as someone who is not a spy, but as just someone in a marriage," says Russell with a knowing smile.

For most viewers, Russell, now 36, needs no introduction. In 1998 she burst on the scene, complete with those flowing pre-Raphaelite curls, in the title role of *Felicity*, then followed up with the miniseries *Into the*

West, films including *Extraordinary Measures*, *Waitress* and her upcoming horror flick, *Dark Skies*, and, alongside Will Arnett, the short-lived sitcom *Running Wilde*.

The script for *The Americans* arrived at Russell's door just days after the December 2011 birth of her second child, Willa Lou, with carpenter-husband Shane Deary. Understandably, she wasn't eager to rush back to work.

"But this show was so strange and complicated I couldn't really figure it out, and I thought, 'That could stay interesting and fun to do,'" she says. Besides, it conveniently substitutes circa-1980s Washington with New York locations. "It shoots near my house in Brooklyn. I can ride my bike to work."

Still sylphic and long-haired, Russell makes an ideal Elizabeth Jennings, who, by turns,

## Rhys on Russell

Matthew Rhys has nothing but good things to say about his co-star, Keri Russell. "She's INCREDIBLE! She's the total package!" he declares. "Her work ethic is huge, she takes the right things seriously and most of the other stuff, not. I wish she had a little more awareness of how good she is."

is a lovely wife and mother, a fearless operative and a rock-'em-sock-'em brawler.

And to hear her talk, Russell seems thrilled with her leading man. The 38-year-old Welsh-born Rhys is best known from ABC's drama *Brothers & Sisters*, where he played lawyer and gay man Kevin Walker. His credits also include the indie film *The Scapegoat* and the BBC miniseries *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. "He's a real actor! I'm in awe of him!" says Russell. "We'll be doing a scene and I'll go, 'Matthew's doing all of THAT, and I'm just doing THIS! Argggggg!' Between Matthew and Noah Emmerich and me, I'm the most boring TV person in the show."

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## Don't believe the rumours, Swift isn't chasing boys

Taylor Swift knows there are people out there talking about her love life, but she's doing her best to ignore it. "I'm sure if I looked up the latest Google alerts rumour it would say I'm chasing somebody who doesn't like me as much as I like him. People love that angle on me," Swift tells *Elle* magazine. "They're like, 'Oh Taylor, coming on too strong again, chasing boys.' I never chase boys. They don't like it!" And while her recent dig at ex Harry Styles at the Grammys might suggest otherwise, Swift insists she's not one to vent her anger. "I don't think I've ever yelled at an ex-boyfriend," she says. "Ever. I'm not a yeller. I'm not a fit-thrower. If something is done, it's done."



Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt

## The four-year-old that makes more than you

Vivienne Jolie-Pitt, the four-year-old daughter of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, is already earning some impressive cash. The toddler was reportedly paid \$3,000 a week for a small role in her mom's upcoming film, *Maleficent*, according to contracts obtained by *TMZ*. The tot — whose twin brother, Knox, doesn't appear in the film — also received a per diem \$60 for expenses each day she was on set. Older siblings Pax, 9, and Zahara, 8, also filmed cameos in the film, though it's unknown how much they earned.



Mila Kunis

## An endorsement for being single from Mila Kunis

Mila Kunis may have gone pretty quickly from a nine-year relationship with Macaulay Culkin to her current beau, former *That 70s Show* co-star Ashton Kutcher, but she still looks back fondly

on her bachelorette days.

"For four years I was single," she tells *Allure* magazine, calling her days without a boyfriend "an amazing time. I love being single."

### Twitter



@msleamichele

Meetings, meetings, and moooooore meetings to-day!



@rosemcgowan

Just chipped my front tooth on a Charm pop. Oh, the irony. I look like I should be drinking moonshine.



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I know how the Pope feels. It's exhausting.



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There may have been a time when Puerto Rico was a cheap getaway but those days are long gone. Puerto Rico is heavily dependent on imported goods and fuel and that's reflected in prices from a taxi ride from the airport to the mojito at your hotel. But there are, of course, some cheap options. There are also things to do that don't cost anything at all. Here are five of them.

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### Beaches

There are plenty of beaches here — about 300 according to some estimates. In the capital, Isla Verde Beach is good for swimming and lolling on soft sand, groomed daily. Playita del Condado is a protected cove that is ideal for young kids and a surprisingly good place to snorkel for being in the middle of San Juan. Things get much better outside the capital. Crash Boat, about an hour west of San Juan, is great for swimming and snorkelling. Farther west in the west coast town of Rincon is Maria's, which has great surf.

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## Free things to do in Puerto Rico

### El Yunque

About a half-hour drive from San Juan, thanks to a relatively new toll road, is an actual tropical rainforest, the only one that is part of the U.S. forest system. El Yunque National Forest is a cool oasis on a hot day. The well-maintained trails are often shrouded in misty clouds and you can cool off in a waterfall or a river pool along the relatively easy Big Tree Trail.



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### El Morro

There's an entrance fee to enter the Castillo San Felipe del Morro, but the best way to enjoy this U.S. National Historic Site requires no money at all. The fort that towers over San Juan Bay, known universally as just "El Morro," is a great place to stroll, especially at sunset. The massive rolling expanse of grass at the foot of the fort has spectacular views in any direction. It's a popular place to picnic and fly a kite, sold by nearby street vendors.



### Old San Juan

At the foot of El Morro is the old city, the colonial heart of San Juan. In recent years, Old San Juan has been on an upswing. Its cobblestone streets are cleaner and livelier. New stores, restaurants and coffee shops have opened and many of the old homes have been restored. It's a working city, home to the governor's office and mansion — said to be the oldest in the western hemisphere — as well as other government offices and an increasing number of professional firms. It's also become an increasingly busy cruise ship port. Outlet and luxury goods shops have proliferated in response.

### Music and Salsa

A good place to catch free live music several nights a week is the Plaza Mercado, a fruit and vegetable market in Santurce, a neighbourhood that is also home to what are considered some of the best restaurants in Puerto Rico. The lobby of the El San Juan in Isla Verde usually has live music and dancing on weekends. The bar of course isn't free but there's no charge to get in. The dancers can be intimidatingly good so the less-skilled may be content just to watch the scene. A number of restaurants and hotels also regularly advertise free salsa lessons.



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#### Travel tips

### Winter dreaming? Go west...



**ON THE MOVE**  
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British Columbia is heaven

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Kicking Horse Mountain Resort is situated in Golden along B.C.'s Powder Highway, a route linking together eight mountain resorts. With its four Alpine Bowls and the fourth highest vertical drop in Canada, Kicking Horse has a reputa-

tion as the place for "hard core skiers."

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From your bar stool in the Eagle's Eye Restaurant at the summit, enjoy an

incredible view of five of the National Parks surrounding the resort.

Cat skiing at the Island Lake Mountain Resort outside of Fernie is the epitome of backcountry luxury. Your day starts with avalanche survival training and then you are off with a packed lunch as you search for untouched alpine bowls and gorgeous glades via a

Caterpillar.

A one-hour drive from Kelowna International Airport, Silver Star Mountain Resort is designed for Alpine and Nordic skiers, snow-shoers and snowmobilers to share. The My1Pass includes lift tickets and unlimited access to all Nordic trails, snowshoe trails, the Tube Town Adventure Park and ice skating at Brewer's Pond.



# Falling in love with Marrakech

## City of romance?

Moroccan destination's beauty and old-world charm make it the perfect place for a lover's escape

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While many Aboriginal people reside in major cities today, there are still a significant number of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who come from small, remote communities to attend college or university.

If they hope to successfully adjust to life in a larger city and maybe one day start their career there, it's important for these students — many of whom may be the first in their family to pursue post-secondary education — to build their networks starting from day one.

## Take advantage of Aboriginal service and career centres

A number of universities have specialized career centres and services for their Aboriginal students. At the University of Regina's Ab-



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original Career Centre, for instance, students can benefit from educational and career planning services, partnerships with local employers and the Aboriginal

community and internship programs.

The University of Alberta's Aboriginal Student Services Centre (ASSC) is another example. Students

have access to a range of programs and services at the ASSC: connections to Aboriginal traditions and culture, elder services, guidance, emotional support, funding

## Meeting mentors

**"A lot of the connections they have might be from back home and not from the urban setting. If we don't choose to go back home, what are other options?"**

Shana Dion  
Director at the University of Alberta's  
Aboriginal Student Services Centre

for tutoring and workshops and volunteer opportunities.

"It comes down to the networking and connections," says Shana Dion, director at the ASSC. "A lot of the connections they have might be from back home and not from the urban setting. If we don't choose to go back home, what are other options?"

## Know you're an asset

Many employers want new hires who come with relevant experience. While this is true, Dion says there are those who are willing to work with students who might not have that experience.

She advises Aboriginal

students who are currently making the school-to-work transition to believe in themselves and know that they are of value to organizations.

"Somebody might not come with connections to so many communities, understanding protocols, knowing who elders are, knowing who community members are in certain areas where an industry might need to connect," Dion explains. "So if a student is from a certain area and chooses to work with a certain industry leader, maybe that industry leader works with that community. You have a connection already with that community. That's an asset. You know what I mean? They don't have to build that."

It's important to acknowledge that each person comes with unique past experiences, journeys, knowledge, skills and relationships which can be a benefit to any organization, says Dion.

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# On teaching the tough and the true

**Prioritizing the past.**  
Why Indigenous studies classes are more important today than ever before

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With all that is being publicized in the media in respect to Idle No More, it's essential to understand the importance of enrolling in Indigenous studies classes.

I asked Mallory Whiteduck — whom I met while I was studying at Carleton University — for her perspective.

Originally from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg, Whiteduck completed her bachelor's degree in communications at the University of Ottawa and then went on to do her master's degree in Canadian studies at Carleton University. For two years she worked as a researcher at the Native Women's Association of Canada, in their Sisters in Spirit initiative. Whiteduck has been working with Carleton University's Centre for Aboriginal



With the critical thinking and writing skills that Indigenous studies programs foster, Mallory Whiteduck says that graduates should be able to expect jobs in areas similar to others with bachelor of arts degrees. ISTOCK

Culture and Education (CACE) since 2010.

**What is your role as an Aboriginal cultural liaison officer?**

In the very broadest sense, my role here is to help to "Indigenize" the university. Our office has helped to create systemic change at the university, for example by contributing to Carleton's Aboriginal Coordinated Strategy, which was approved by the University Senate.

Another big part of my job is working with youth on the

ground. I travel across Ontario and parts of Quebec, visiting Aboriginal youth on and off-territory, and in communities and urban areas, to promote post-secondary education and opportunities for Aboriginal students at Carleton.

**What kinds of skills can be gained in Aboriginal studies programs that cannot be gained in other academic disciplines?**

Learning how to think critically is an important skill that is taught in Indigenous stud-

ies programs.

Canada has a strong national pride, and it is often those stories that celebrate Canada's accomplishments that are told to students in elementary and secondary schools.

When Aboriginal history is added to the Canadian narrative — which sometimes only happens for students when they reach col-

lege or university, or never — it becomes a richer story and it becomes a story that is complicated, negative and not necessarily one that Canada should be proud of as a nation.

We can't eliminate Canada's history of colonization from our identity simply because it's not a pretty story.

To do that would be

denying Canadian children the opportunity to truly understand their Anishinabeg, Inuit, Onkwehonwe, Métis and other Indigenous friends and neighbours. Being able to think critically about Canada and its relationship with Aboriginal peoples will provide Indigenous studies graduates with a deeper understanding of where they are from.

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# It's the perfect time for date night, wouldn't you agree?

Perfect with a glass of wine and a wedge of your favourite cheese, these crackers containing Medjool dates are a great savoury treat with a hint of sweetness.

Medjool dates, which have been called the "king of dates," are semi-soft and exceptionally large. They're carried year-round by major and mid-sized grocery chains across Canada.

**1.** Heat oven to 160 C (325 F). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

**2.** In a food processor, pulse pistachios until finely chopped. Add 125 ml (1/2 cup)

of the flour and dates. Pulse until mixture resembles fine bread crumbs. Add olives and pulse until mixed. Add remaining flour, orange zest, salt, baking powder and pepper. Pulse until well mixed.

**3.** In a small bowl, whisk egg and set aside 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the beaten egg for glazing. Add remaining egg and olive oil to food processor. Pulse until mixture comes together.

**4.** Turn dough out onto lightly floured board and knead gently. Flatten into a disc and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until firm, 1 hour.

## Ingredients

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pistachios, shelled
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour, divided
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) Medjool dates, pitted and chopped (5 to 6 dates)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) kalamata olives, pitted and chopped
- 5 ml (1 tsp) orange zest
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) baking powder
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) black pepper
- 1 egg
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

## Medjool Date, Nut and Olive Crackers



This recipe makes about 12 crackers. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

**5.** Using lightly floured rolling pin, roll dough 5 mm (1/4 inch) thick. Cut into 6-cm (2 1/2-inch) rounds. Place on a

prepared baking sheet. Brush tops with remaining beaten egg. Bake in centre of oven until golden brown, 22 mins.

**6.** Let cool on a rack. Store in an airtight container up to 3 days. THE CANADIAN PRESS/NATURAL DELIGHTS MEDJOO

## Drink of the Week

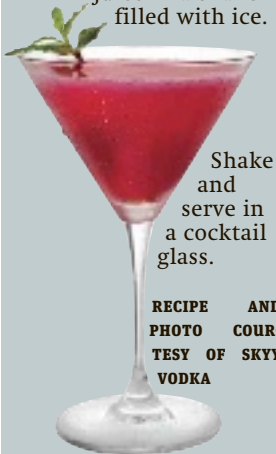
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- Dash of fresh lemon juice

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Shake and serve in a cocktail glass.

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# Tantalize guests with sweet ravioli filled with date compote

Probably unlike any ravioli you've ever tasted, these dessert ravioli melts in your mouth. The compote filling also makes a great addition for a tray containing cheese and crackers.

Medjool dates, substantially larger than the Deglet Noor variety, which is usually available dried, are a rich source of fibre, potassium and magnesium as

well as being fat- and sodium-free. They taste sweet but contain only 66 calories each.

**1.** Compote: In a saucepan, combine wine, sugar and honey and simmer over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Add cinnamon stick and dates, reduce heat to low and cook for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Let cool and remove cin-

namon stick. Strain any excess liquid and transfer to food processor and process for 10 to 15 seconds to fine consistency.

**2.** Pastry: In a food processor fitted with a metal blade, whirl flour with salt for a few seconds until blended. Add cold butter and process until mixture has the texture of coarse crumbs. Add ice water and pulse a few more times. Turn mixture into a bowl and bring together with your hands. It should leave the bowl clean. Wrap in plastic and chill for 30 minutes.

**3.** Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Divide dough into 2 pieces, one slightly larger than the other. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface and lightly flour rolling pin. Roll out the smaller piece into a 30-by-25-cm (12-by-10-inch) rectangle. Brush with some of the egg.

**4.** Starting 2.5 cm (1 inch) from a corner, place 5 ml (1 tsp) of compote every 5 cm (2 inches). You should have 30 dollops of compote. Roll out the larger piece into a 33-by-28-cm (13-by-11-inch) rectangle. Carefully place this larger sheet over the bottom sheet and compote. Gently press pastry to seal

## Ingredients

### Medjool Date Compote

- 250 ml (1 cup) red wine (a bold and fruity wine is best)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sugar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 10 to 12 Medjool dates, pitted and quartered

### Pastry

- 400 ml (1 2/3 cups) all-purpose flour
- Pinch salt
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) cold, unsalted butter, cut into chunks
- Ice water
- 1 egg, beaten
- Powdered sugar, for dusting

pockets around each dollop of compote.

**5.** Using sharp knife, cut pastry into 5-cm (2-inch) squares and seal edges with a fork, or use a ravioli mould. Make a small cut in the top of each ravioli and brush each with beaten egg.

**6.** Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or just until slightly golden brown. Let cool on a rack and dust with powdered sugar. Serve warm. THE CANADIAN PRESS/NATURAL DELIGHTS MEDJOO

## Dessert. Vanilla Date Balls



These little bites of decadence are the perfect balance of sweetness. Make them ahead and keep them in the refrigerator for tasty treats to serve after dinner to guests and family members.

**1.** Line a baking sheet with parchment or wax paper and set aside.

**2.** In a small saucepan, combine dates, orange juice, butter and brown sugar. Bring to a simmer over medium heat and cook, stirring, for about 12 minutes or until very soft and thickened. Stir in vanilla; set aside to cool completely.

**3.** Stir in cookie crumbs and coconut until well combined. Place sugar on a plate or in a shallow bowl. Using rounded 5-ml (1-tsp) measuring spoon, scoop out mixture and roll into ball. Roll ball in sugar until completely coated and place on

prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining mixture.

**4.** Place in refrigerator for at least 2 hours or until set and firm. Package in single layers in airtight container or cookie tins and keep refrigerated for up to 3 weeks. THE CANADIAN PRESS/NATURAL DELIGHTS MEDJOO

## Ingredients

- 250 ml (1 cup) Medjool dates, pitted and chopped
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) orange juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) butter
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) packed brown sugar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) pure vanilla extract
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) chocolate cookie crumbs
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sweetened flaked coconut
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) granulated sugar, for rolling



This recipe serves six. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF CRAFT BEER IN OTTAWA

This year, National Capital Craft Beer Week celebrates 200 years of craft beer in Ottawa. The town's been brewing almost since there was a town.

Locally produced beer debuted in 1813, when Philemon Wright built the first brewery and distillery here at Wrightsville, now Gatineau.

J.P. Fournier, president and of National Capital Craft Beer Week, traces the beginning of the present-day craft beer renaissance in Ottawa to the opening of the Clock Tower Brew Pub in 1995.

On a larger scale, he points to the arrival of Beau's All-Natural Brewery in Vankleek Hill as another key milestone.

"They've been doing this for six, seven years now and they've really done a lot for craft brewing in the National Capital Region," he said. "You could almost call

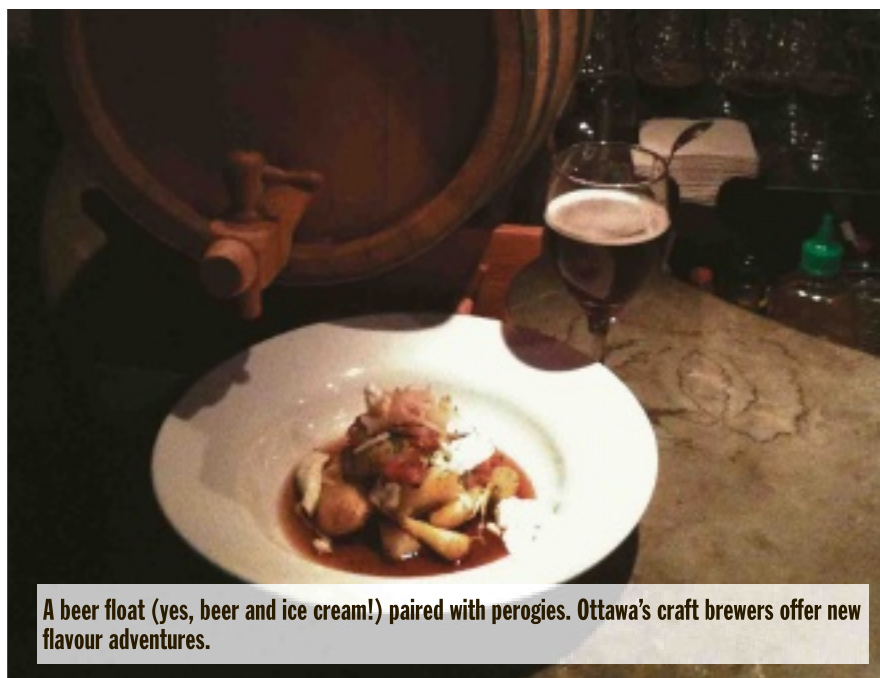
them the modern pioneers."

One of Beau's most important contributions, Fournier sees it, is their Lug-Tread Lagered Ale, which serves as a powerful gateway beer for those just wading into craft brews, not too radically different, but still opening up beer drinkers to new possibilities.

"It's definitely more flavourful, got more character than the big guys — Labatt, Molson, that sort of thing — and it's a good introduction to craft beer," he said.

What makes craft beer? The ingredients are of prime importance, but to Fournier philosophy matters, too.

"If I had to define it, I'd say it's beer that's created with a sense of pride," he said. "Where there's still human interaction in the whole process, it's not just computerized."



A beer float (yes, beer and ice cream!) paired with perogies. Ottawa's craft brewers offer new flavour adventures.

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Craft brewers are popping up across the area, wearing their local colours (Kichesippi, HogsBack) with pride.

"I would say we're just shy of a dozen local breweries now," Fournier said, "And that includes big guys like Mill Street."

The Toronto brewer's arrival last year, Fournier says, was another sign of the strength of Ottawa's craft beer scene.

"By revitalizing the Mill and opening up a brew pub there, which is no small feat, they've shown that the Ottawa

market is definitely ready for craft beer and very supportive of craft breweries," he said.

Beer and food pairing nights, and showcases like this weekend's Winter-brewed Festival, are also great opportunities to discover new tastes.

"It's just a matter of introducing people to what craft beer is and what it can be," Fournier said. "Once they have the opportunity to try that, you don't really have to sell them on it, it sells itself."

## BRINGING A FRESH IDEA TO A PUB WITH HISTORY

### ASHTON COUNTRY PUB ADDS CRAFT BREWERY

Beer-lovers can get a taste of the Ashton Brewing Company's seasonal beer, a coffee porter, at Ottawa's Winterbrewed Festival, but the real evidence they know their cold weather brews can be found in the parking lot of their home base, The Old Mill at Ashton Country Pub and Brewery, just before Carleton Place off Highway 7.

"You can snowmobile up to the pub," said the pub's M.J. Hodgins. "In the wintertime, you'll go by on the weekend and see a number of snowmobiles parked outside."

Hodgins, his father Art and brothers Quinn and Brendan, the family behind Patty's Pub and Quinn's in Old Ottawa South, have a long history in the beer business.

"My dad opened the first pub in 1975," Hodgins recalled. "It was called Patty's Place, because you couldn't call it a pub back then."

They teamed up in 2010 with Lorne Hart (Hart Brewery) and brewmaster Eric Dubuc to reinvent the well-established pub by adding the craft brewery.

"We brought a fresh idea to an amazing pub with great history," Hodgins said.

Locals have embraced the place, and as its reputation grows, so does the number of patrons making road trips for the traditional English fare, including a Sunday roast dinner, live music (Kelly Sloan leads open stage afternoons on Sundays) or some growlers to go.

"We draw from Carleton Place and Stittsville a lot because we're between the two, and then a lot of people do make the drive out from Ottawa and other surrounding areas," Hodgins said.



Singer-songwriter Kelly Sloan leads open stage Sundays from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Old Mill at Ashton.

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# CELEBRATE FEBREWARY WITH BEAU'S ALL NATURAL

The month of February has been changed to Febrewary again this year at Beau's All Natural Brewery, in honour of the special events and beer releases that will keep things interesting for the month.

"February was always a boring time of year for the beer industry. We wanted to put some excitement back into the month for fans of craft beer," says Beau's co-founder Steve Beauchesne. "Sure it's cold out, but that doesn't mean we should be hibernating."

At the heart of Beau's celebrations is Ottawa's Winterbrewed Craft Beer Festival, to be held outdoors in the Sparks St. Mall Feb. 16 and 17. Hosted within the festival is the Beau's Snowman Lounge, where the folks from the Vankleek Hill craft brewery will be transforming an entire block of Sparks Street into a Beausified Winter Wonderland Party of beer, music and fun.

The Beau's Snowman Lounge will be



Brewery co-founders Steve and Tim Beauchesne with master brewer Matthew O'Hara.

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serving up samples and full glasses of 12 different Beau's beers, al fresco on a Giant (i.e. 88 foot long), 360-degree bar carved out of ice. Lounge-goers can

hang out and enjoy tunes spun by local DJs, check out frozen art in the Snowman Lounge's Ice Sculpture gallery, and build a snowman in the onsite Snowman Field.

Beau's is asking people to bring any extra or unneeded winter wear with them to dress their snowmen and snowwomen up — the winter clothing will be gathered at the end of the festival and donated to those in need.

For those who prefer to stay indoors, Beau's will be hosting a Winterbrewed Launch party at Bridgehead Roastery Friday Feb. 15, to celebrate the release of the 2013 vintage of their coffee-beer collaboration with Bridgehead. There will be food, music, and 2013's Winterbrewed on tap, and plenty of Lug Tread on hand as well. The Bridgehead roastery is located at 130 Anderson St. (at Preston), and the event, which runs from 7-11 p.m., is free of charge.

Beau's celebrations continue throughout the month, with multiple events and new beer launches weekly in Ottawa and across Ontario. Visit [beaus.ca/febrewary](http://beaus.ca/febrewary) for more details.



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# DISCOVER THE BEST OF WINTER SUDS

If you consider beer only a beverage for summer days, you're missing out on countless flavours and styles, and the Winterbrewed Festival (Feb. 16-17 on Sparks Street) is a great opportunity to discover them.

"Beer is similar to wine – although in my opinion more interesting," said J.P. Fournier, president of National Capital Craft Beer Week, which this year adds the winter showcase to its regular summer event.

Winterbrewed, he said, is an opportunity for craft brewers to show off the best of their winter suds, and a preview of what's coming in the spring.

"There's different styles of beer, and the seasonal stuff, the winter stuff is typically a little heartier, generally a little more flavourful and a lot of the time a little stronger," Fournier said.

"It definitely reflects the season itself, Canadians being hearty people, loving our winter and also loving our beer, and this marries the both of those together really nicely."

Beer-lovers can sample offerings from locals like HogsBack, Beyond the Pale and Big Rig, as well as favourites from

## ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The Winterbrewed Festival runs Feb. 16-17 outdoors on the Sparks Street Mall. There's no admission charge for the event, but to sample the beer and food, you'll need a festival mug and wristband (\$10) and tokens, which can be purchased onsite or online. For more information, visit [winterbrewed.com](http://winterbrewed.com).

up the road like Montreal's McAuslan, Muskoka Brewery of Bracebridge and Toronto's Hogtown Brewers.

Among the more unusual sensations are the hot beer concoctions available in the warm-up tent.

"It's basically beer that's heated, infused with coffee, infused with hot chocolate, mulled, spiced, that kind of stuff," Fournier explained.

Partnered with Winterlude, and just a short walk from the action in Confederation Park and the Rideau Canal, Winterbrewed offers winter fun like barrel



Ottawa's Amanda Rheume plays Winterbrewed's Mill Street Stage Sunday at 3 p.m.

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races down Sparks Street and the Beau's Snowman Lounge, whose frosty denizens festival-goers can decorate with mitts, scarves and hats to be donated to charity. A sugar shack offers a sweet preview of the Maple Sugar Festival.

"The programming itself revolves around the winter season as well, Winterlude and the celebration of winter itself,"

Fournier said.

And no party would be complete without great live music, so the Mill Street stage features performances by Nick Gabroussnok, Tyree Lush, Brie Lawrenson, Dang Guilty and Marc Charron on Saturday. Sunday's bill boasts Silver Creek, a repeat performance by Tyree Lush, Amanda Rheume and Jeff Rogers.

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## Sens and Sabres duel in Ottawa

Ottawa Senator Milan Michalek, right, is checked by Buffalo Sabre Christian Ehrhoff during the first period Tuesday in Ottawa. For the result of last night's Senators game, visit [metronews.ca/sports](http://metronews.ca/sports). FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Joey Bats envisions taking swings in World Series

**MLB.** Two years after signing deal and being reassured of the Jays' direction, Bautista is leader of 'a contender'

"The sky's the limit."

Jose Bautista isn't given to mixing words or their meanings, at least not when it comes to assessing the Toronto Blue Jays and the chan-

ces for a playoff berth for the vastly retooled roster.

So when the two-time major-league home run king lends phrases like "the sky's the limit," there's a definite weight to them, even though optimism is high in virtually every major-league city at this time of year.

"I don't see where it can go wrong for us," Bautista said Tuesday when pitchers and catchers were undergoing physicals in advance of Wednesday's first official re-

### Comeback trail

Bautista was limited to 92 games in 2012 because of a wrist injury that ultimately led to off-season surgery.

porting date for spring training.

Bautista's enthusiasm was buoyed by the massive, off-season retooling of the Jays that brought on proven major leaguers like pitchers R.A.

Dickey, Josh Johnson, and Mark Buehrle, as well as infielder Jose Reyes and outfield Melky Cabrera.

"If we do what we are all capable of then it should come together for us, it will take care of itself," Bautista said. "We should be able to go to the playoffs and hopefully the World Series."

Bautista stood two years ago in the same place at the Flora Auto Exchange Stadium in Dunedin, having just signed a five-year contract

extension. That new deal signalled a the beginning of a change in responsibility for Bautista, who became the Jays focal player back then, and is living up to that role now.

"When I first signed that deal I wasn't just counting on the young players to come through," said Bautista, who didn't sign the deal before gaining some measure of assurance from management regarding the club's direction. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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# Wrestlers face Olympic fight

**Chopping block.** Sport has been part of Games since 700 BC and Canada's good at it

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Metro in Toronto

The international wrestling community is gearing up for a fight keep the sport in the Olympics — launching a lobbying campaign no one knew was needed until Tuesday's surprise decision by the International Olympic Committee executive board.

"We didn't even know we were on the chopping block," said Wrestling Canada president Don Ryan.

Canada performs well in wrestling, especially since womens' wrestling became an Olympic sport in 2004. Daniel Igalii won gold in 2000, as did Carol Huynh in 2008, who also won bronze in 2012. Tonya Verbeek won silver in 2004

and bronze in 2008 and 2012.

The IOC executive board announced it is recommending freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling be dropped from the Olympic program, a decision that is set to be ratified by the IOC in May.

"There was nothing that indicated that we were in trouble," Ryan said. "But we're wrestling. We're combative people. We're going to pull our sleeves up and get to work on saving our sport for 2020."

If the decision is ratified, wrestling will join seven other sports — baseball/softball, karate, roller sports, sport climbing, squash, wakeboarding and wushu — to lobby for inclusion in the 2020 games.

Beijing gold-medallist Huynh expressed her shock over Twitter.

"Can't believe IOC is cutting wrestling! Huge blow to our sport all over the world. Hope that CAWA (the Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association) & FILA will lobby for reversal or we fight with other

## Wrestling's history

- **708 BC** Wrestling was the decisive and last discipline held in the Pentathlon.
- **1896** The Greco-Roman event (no weight classes) was the only wrestling event at the inaugural modern Olympics in Athens.
- **2004** Women were finally allowed to compete in freestyle wrestling (four weight classes) at the Olympics.
- **2008** B.C. native Carol Huynh made history with Canada's first gold medal in women's wrestling at the Beijing Olympics. **PHYLCIA TORREVILLAS/METRO IN VANCOUVER**

sports to get back."

The sport's governing body, the International Federation



Tonya Verbeek, from Grimsby, Ont., lifts India's Geeta Geeta in their 55-kg freestyle wrestling match at the 2012 Summer Olympics in August. Verbeek won silver at the Games. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

of Associated Wrestling Styles (FILA), was already scheduled to hold its biannual meeting in Phuket, Thailand, this weekend. It will now focus on the Olympic problem, Ryan said.

After the 2000 Olympics, FILA changed some rules in an effort to make the sport more exciting. Rounds were shortened and scoring was simplified. At the upcoming meeting, FILA was to discuss

## Competition

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encouraging "more high-action moves" and making scor-

ing easier to understand, said Ryan. "We're always trying to improve."

Modern pentathlon and taekwondo were seen as more likely to be cut from the Olympics than wrestling. Asked about the lobbying efforts, sponsorships, power and money involved in those sports, Ryan said he hopes the IOC's decisions aren't made on that basis.

# DeRozan finds rich vein of form vs. Nuggets

DeMar DeRozan had 22 points and John Lucas had 12 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter as the Toronto Raptors won their third straight by defeating the short-handed Denver Nuggets 109-108 on Tuesday night.

Rudy Gay, plagued by foul trouble, finished with 17 points but hit the go-ahead shot in the final minute of the game. He had led the Raptors in scoring with 20 or more points in five games since coming over in a trade with Memphis.

Alan Anderson had 10 points while Kyle Lowry added 11 points and 10 assists for Toronto (20-32).

Ty Lawson paced Denver (33-20) with 29 points and nine assists. The Nuggets lost their second straight after having their nine-game win streak snapped Sunday with a 118-114 triple overtime loss in Boston to the Celtics.

Denver was missing starting guard Andre Iguodala (neck strain), small forward Danilo Gallinari (sinus infection) and guard Wilson Chandler (groin).

Lucas, who scored 10 points in the fourth quarter in Sunday's win over New Orleans, went to work from downtown early in the final quarter, jacking up three straight threes to give Toronto a 91-83 cushion. After Denver pulled back with-



Toronto Raptor DeMar DeRozan, right, drives to the net against Denver Nugget Kosta Koufos on Tuesday in Toronto. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## On Tuesday

**109** Raptors  
**108** Nuggets

before dishing to Anderson who dropped in a long ball to make it 100-94 with five minutes left.

Lawson's six points in the paint and a layup from Corey

Brewer rallied Denver and the game was tied 102-102 with just under three minutes to play.

With just over a minute left to play and Toronto holding a slim one-point lead, Denver stopped Gay on a drive before drawing a foul at the other end. Anthony Randolph converted to put the Nuggets in front by one, but with the final possession Gay hit a clutch jumper from the wing and the arena erupted with 4.8 seconds left.

Lawson's desperation shot clanged off the rim.

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## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION						
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA
New Jersey	12	8	1	3	33	24
Pittsburgh	13	8	5	0	41	32
NY Rangers	11	6	5	0	29	27
Philadelphia	13	5	7	1	31	38
NY Islanders	12	4	7	1	36	43

NORTHEAST DIVISION						
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA
Boston	10	8	1	1	29	21
Toronto	13	8	5	0	39	33
Ottawa	12	6	4	2	31	23
Montreal	11	6	4	1	31	30
Buffalo	13	5	7	1	39	46

SOUTHEAST DIVISION						
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA
Carolina	11	6	4	1	34	34
Tampa Bay	11	6	5	0	43	32
Winnipeg	11	5	5	1	30	37
Florida	11	4	6	1	25	40
Washington	12	3	8	1	30	41

### Tuesday's results

Carolina at New Jersey  
NY Rangers at Boston  
Montreal at Tampa Bay  
Buffalo at Ottawa  
Washington at Florida  
Philadelphia at Winnipeg  
San Jose at Nashville  
Anaheim at Chicago  
Dallas at Edmonton  
Minnesota at Vancouver

### Monday's results

Carolina 6 NY Islanders 4  
Toronto 5 Philadelphia 2  
Columbus 6 San Jose 2  
Los Angeles 4 St. Louis 1  
Phoenix 3 Colorado 2 (OT)  
Minnesota 2 Calgary 1 (SO)  
**Thursday's games — All Times Eastern**  
Toronto at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.  
Montreal at Florida, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
**Friday's games**  
Pittsburgh at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
Anaheim at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
St. Louis at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
Columbus at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION						
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA
Chicago	12	10	0	2	42	25
Detroit	12	7	4	1	33	32
Nashville	12	5	3	4	24	26
St. Louis	12	6	5	1	39	40
Columbus	13	4	7	2	30	41

NORTHWEST DIVISION						
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA
Vancouver	11	7	2	2	33	24
Edmonton	12	5	4	3	28	30
Minnesota	12	6	5	1	26	30
Calgary	10	3	4	3	26	35
Colorado	11	4	6	1	23	29

PACIFIC DIVISION						
	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA
Anaheim	11	8	2	1	39	31
San Jose	12	7	3	2	36	28
Phoenix	13	6	5	2	35	35
Dallas	12	6	5	1	26	28
Los Angeles	11	4	5	2	26	32

### SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pct
Vanek, Buf	11	12	23
Kane, Chi	9	10	29
Zetterberg, Det	5	13	18
Stamkos, TBL	7	10	17
Crosby, Phg	5	12	17
St. Louis, TBL	3	13	16
Malkin, Phg	3	13	16
Marleau, SJ	10	5	15
Clarkson, NJ	9	6	15
Tavares, NYI	7	8	15
Kunitz, Phg	6	9	15
Thornton, SJ	3	12	15
Staal, Car	8	6	14
Pominville, Buf	6	8	14
Pavelski, SJ	6	8	14
Ribeiro, Wash	4	10	14
Selanne, Ana	4	10	14
Elias, NJ	3	11	14
Moulson, NYI	6	7	13
Datsyuk, Det	5	8	13
Gagner, Edm	4	9	13
Koivu, Ana	4	9	13
Enstrom, Win	2	11	13
Shattenkirk, STL	1	12	13
Skinner, Car	7	5	12
Hossa, Chi	6	6	12
Toews, Det	6	6	12
Couture, SJ	6	6	12
Lecavalier, TBL	5	7	12
Hodgson, Buf	5	7	12
Conacher, TBL	5	7	12

Not including last night's games

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	34	14	.708	—
New York	32	17	.653	2 1/2
Indiana	31	21	.596	5
Chicago	30	21	.588	5 1/2
Brooklyn	30	22	.577	6
Atlanta	28	22	.560	7
Boston	27	24	.529	8 1/2
Milwaukee	25	25	.500	10
Philadelphia	22	28	.440	13
Detroit	20	33	.377	16 1/2
Toronto	19	32	.373	16 1/2
Cleveland	16	36	.308	20
Washington	15	35	.300	20
Orlando	15	36	.294	20 1/2
Charlotte	12	39	.235	23 1/2

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	41	12	.774	—
Oklahoma City	39	12	.765	1
L.A. Clippers	37	17	.685	4 1/2
Memphis	32	18	.640	7 1/2
Denver	33	19	.635	7 1/2
Golden State	30	21	.588	10
Utah	28	24	.538	12 1/2
Houston	28	25	.528	13
Portland	25	26	.490	15
L.A. Lakers	24	28	.462	16 1/2
Dallas	22	29	.431	18
Minnesota	19	30	.388	20
Sacramento	19	33	.365	21 1/2
New Orleans	18	34	.346	22 1/2
Phoenix	17	35	.327	23 1/2

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

### Tuesday's results

Denver at Toronto  
Portland at Miami  
Sacramento at Memphis  
Oklahoma City at Utah  
Houston at Golden State  
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers  
**Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern**  
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
Denver at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
Portland at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.  
**Thursday's games**  
Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
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# Findings on the new Forester

**Review.** Subaru's wonder wagon adds refinement plus a more satisfying right-foot workout.

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You would think that after 15 years and three generations of Forester that Subaru would have concocted the ideal formula for its tallest tall wagon.

Actually this car-based conveyance has contained mostly all the right ingredients ever since its 1998-model-year launch and the fourth generation model arriving this spring is dishing up more of the same.

Through clockwork-regular updating, the Forester has evolved into a steady performer that treats its passengers well and totes their belongings with ease.

The Forester sits on a new platform that modestly stretches the distance between the front and rear wheels. That translates into a bit more rear legroom (up-level trims add a reclining rear seat), but a taller roofline and lower load floor adds about 10 per cent more cargo volume with the split-folding rear seat folded flat.

The cabin's more formal control-panel layout is trimmed in satin nickel and optional leather. Subaru's designers also increased the distance between the front seats and the dash to create a greater sense of spaciousness.

The Forester's admirers likely won't be disappointed with this latest iteration's crisp styling, added performance and improved fuel efficiency.



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## 2014 Subaru Forester

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive compact wagon
- **Engine (hp).** 2.4-litre DOHC H4 (170); 2.0-litre DOHC H4, turbocharged (250)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; continuously variable with opt. paddle shifters
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$28,550

## Fuel economy

The 2.5 is estimated at 9.5 l/100 km in the city and 7.4 on the highway with the CVT, while the 2.0XT's estimate is 10.2/8.4. These values improve on the previous-generation's base and optional power trains.



The base engine is thrifty and has enough power for most situations. The turbo option is our choice.

## Transmission

The 2.5i offers a six-speed manual transmission, or a continuously variable (CVT) option. The 2.0XT only comes with the CVT, but it comes with what Subaru calls its "engine performance management system" with Intelligent, Sport and Sport Sharp settings.

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# The electric car of Cadillacs

## Toronto Auto Show.

ELR to join Volt and Karma in Extended Range Electric Vehicle territory



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The 2014 Cadillac ELR is one of the cooler-looking brand-new production cars taking the stage at this week's auto show in Toronto.

It also makes GM a pioneer of sorts. Not like the folks on Little House on the Prairie, looking for really nice farming dirt. More like Thomas Edison, looking for new things that can be powered by electricity.

The Cadillac ELR is slated to start production late this year for an early 2014 on-sale date. That's when we'll find out if luxury buyers, already willing to pay a premium for a luxury ride and all it entails, are also willing to pay a bit extra for an electric powertrain.

Technically the ELR is not a pure electric vehicle. Like the



The 2014 Cadillac ELR is focusing on making the driver look good. HANDOUT

Chevrolet Volt, it has an electric motor and an internal combustion engine, the latter used primarily for re-charging the ELR's battery so the vehicle is always "electrically" driven. You can also recharge it by plugging it in. Officially, GM calls it an Extended Range Electric Vehicle.

The only other extended range electric vehicles currently on the market would be the \$42,000 Chevrolet Volt and the \$100,000-plus Fisker Karma. A little too conveniently, all GM would say about ELR's pro-

jected price is that it would be more than Volt, less than Karma.

Cadillac is figuring, like Fisker and some others, that electricity is high-tech and desirable. But the styling of the ELR screams non-electric. You could very easily imagine it to be powered by something like a high-output V6.

The ELR is longer than the Cadillac ATS, but only offers the part-time rear seating area of a 2+2. The focus is clearly on the driver and making him or her

feel good and look good.

While it has the same 1.4-litre "four" as Volt, and the same battery and electric motor set-up, it has slightly more power, due to new "battery discharge" software programming learned from Volt's first years on the road.

Handling should be several degrees better than Volt, due to a more advanced chassis, featuring 20-inch tires, a wide track, many aluminum pieces and a Watts Z-link rear suspension.

Among the many new and novel bits to ELR is Regen on Demand. When you need to slow down or come to a stop, you could use your brake pedal as usual, or you could engage Regen on Demand via paddle levers on the steering wheel. The experience is not unlike downshifting early on a manual transmission car. It's basic regenerative braking, as happens in all hybrid and EVs, but in Regen on Demand mode it does it with a lot more feeling, and a lot more electricity going back

### Details

#### Bullet Pointing the ELR:

- EV range. 56 km
- EV plus gas range. 480 km
- Torque. 298 lb-ft
- Top speed. 160 km/h
- Looks. Killer

into the battery. Also neat is the system that allows drivers to select four driving modes: Sport — let's boogie; Tour — default setting; Mountain — gas engine actually provides some assistance to the electric motor; Hold — keeps your battery charge for when it might be more useful and efficient, like when you get to stop-and-go city traffic after a long commute.

It will be fun over the next few years, watching electric powertrains migrate to luxury segments, with more opportunity for styling and engineering advancements and experimentation. Let the pioneering games begin.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

There is tension in the air. Anything can happen at any moment. Go where your heart leads you today and don't worry about the consequences. It's OK to take a few risks. In fact, it's good for you.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

What happens today will take you by surprise, most likely because you have been fearing the worst. Could it be you were too negative in your evaluation of the situation? Of course. But now you know better.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Make sure you keep an eye on what partners and loved ones and work colleagues are up to today. Above all, don't let them sign you up for anything you are not 100 per cent convinced is good for you.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Each sign is born with its own special talent and yours is your ability to sense what other people are feeling. Use that talent today to find out why someone you love feels under the weather then cheer them up.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You can do no wrong at the moment, but that does not mean you have permission to do what you know is very wrong indeed! Yes, you can push the envelope, a little, but don't push your luck too far.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Lay down the law and make sure everyone you have dealings with knows what is expected of them. Things have been a bit sloppy of late, so get your act together and make sure those around you do likewise.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

There may be some major upheavals today but the Sun in Aquarius has you covered, so you don't have to worry too much. Other people may be a bit negative though, so watch out for harmful emotions.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If there is a social or career opportunity you would like to take advantage of then go for it — now, this very moment. The longer you sit there thinking about it, the more likely it is you'll miss out.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You can go anywhere. You can do anything. You are the master of your own destiny in every conceivable way. You find that hard to believe? Well, start believing it because it's absolutely true. Never doubt yourself.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You need to go on the offensive today. You need to make sure your rivals understand that you will not just stand there and take what they choose to give you. You're the one with the talent, so you do the choosing.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You know instinctively when other people are lying to you, and that ability will come in handy over the next 24 hours. You don't have to let them know you are on to them though, at least not yet.

Pisces

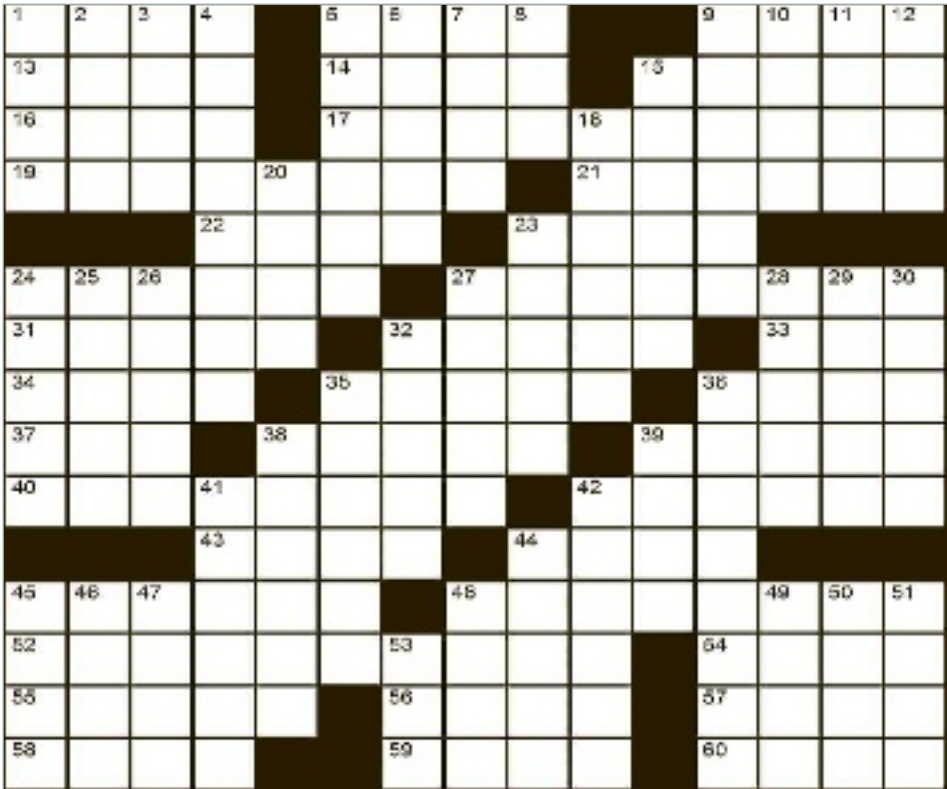
Feb. 20 - March 20

Someone in authority seems to be asking a lot of you at the moment but there is a good reason for it, and an even better reason why you should play along. Maybe they are testing you for future promotion! **SALLY BROMPTON**

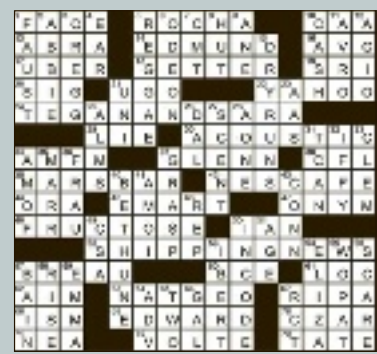
Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. \_\_\_ wash jeans
  5. Slang for coffee
  9. Comprehend
  13. Memo
  14. Adam and Eve's grandson
  15. Spring flower
  16. "\_\_\_ Rock and Roll Music" by Peter, Paul and Mary
  17. Canadian activist whose achievements include the Man In Motion World Tour: 2 wds.
  19. Our national summer sport
  21. Canadian filmmaker Atom
  22. Pulitzer-winning writer James
  23. Highbrow
  24. Toronto concert venue, \_\_\_ Hall
  27. Canadian rap star, \_\_\_ Offishall
  31. Surface
  32. "etalk" anchor Ms. Kim
  33. Ginger \_\_\_
  34. Cooper car
  35. Makes text thicker-looking
  36. Take part
  37. Ms. Ryan
  38. Austin's state
  39. Was angry
  40. Margaret Atwood bestseller, The Blind \_\_\_
  42. "Beyond the Sea" singer Bobby, and others
  43. Shabby \_\_\_ (Interior design style)
  44. Greek cheese
  45. Tranquil
  48. "\_\_\_ Development"
  52. Yes or No voting event in Quebec in 1980 and 1995
  54. Positive
  55. Apprehensive feeling
  56. Crossword rendering of a bear's scratch-on-a-tree
  57. Nile wader
  58. \_\_\_ Scale
  59. Musical based on the work of T.S. Eliot
  60. Wine holder
- Down**
1. Indigo dye source
  2. Finale, in music
  3. Suffix to 'Arthr'
  4. Teen drama TV series
  5. Football player's numbered top
  6. Fennel-like flavour
  7. Viva \_\_\_ (Word-of-mouth)
  8. Inquire
  9. Obi-Wan \_\_\_
  10. Meddlesome [var. sp.]
  11. Vitamins brand, \_\_\_ Day
  12. Las Vegas resorts mogul, Steve \_\_\_
  15. Tiered temple
  18. Mr. Fonda's
  20. S-shaped moulding
  23. Alberta's Oil \_\_\_
  24. ABBA musical, \_\_\_ Mia!
  25. Ram's sign
  26. Performs a tune
  27. "Canadian Idol" Season 2 winner Mr. Porter
  28. Ms. Campbell
  29. 1979 Sigourney Weaver sci-fi movie
  30. Loans
  32. Britney Spears hit
  35. Next to
  36. "\_\_\_ Park" (1993)
  38. Vacation souvenir to wear
  39. Destiny
  41. Showbiz news show, "\_\_\_ Hollywood"
  42. Skin layer
  44. Kiwi \_\_\_
  45. Stroller, in Britain
  46. Letterman's rival
  47. Kabul, \_\_\_
  48. 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
  49. Marching band instrument
  50. Greek goddess of discord
  51. Office table
  53. Ms. Kidman, to pals



Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Today



-1°/-9°  
Variable

Thursday



0°/-4°  
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### 2013 ELANTRA

OWN IT FOR	WITH	AND
<b>\$96</b>	<b>0%<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>\$0</b>
BI-WEEKLY	FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS	DOWN PAYMENT

**SELLING PRICE: \$17,480\*** ELANTRA L 6-SPEED MANUAL. DELIVERY, DESTINATION & FEES INCLUDED. PLUS HST.



HWY: 5.2L/100 KM  
CITY: 7.1L/100 KM



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### 2013 ELANTRA GT

OWN IT FOR	WITH	AND
<b>\$108</b>	<b>0%<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>\$0</b>
BI-WEEKLY	FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS	DOWN PAYMENT

**SELLING PRICE: \$19,680\*** ELANTRA GT GL 6-SPEED MANUAL. DELIVERY, DESTINATION, FEES & \$1,100 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS\* INCLUDED. PLUS HST.




HWY: 5.3L/100 KM  
CITY: 7.8L/100 KM



2013 AJAC BEST NEW SMALL CAR (OVER \$21K)

**INCLUDES AIR CONDITIONING**

**STANDARD FEATURES INCLUDE:** DRIVER SELECTABLE STEERING (DSS) • HEATED FRONT SEATS • SIRIUS XM RADIO WITH BLUETOOTH® HANDS FREE PHONE SYSTEM • COOLED GLOVE BOX




Limited model shown


### 2013 SANTA FE

OWN IT FOR	WITH	AND
<b>\$167</b>	<b>1.99%<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>\$0</b>
BI-WEEKLY	FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS	DOWN PAYMENT

**SELLING PRICE: \$28,395\*** SANTA FE 2.4L FWD AUTO. DELIVERY, DESTINATION & FEES INCLUDED. PLUS HST.



HWY: 6.7L/100 KM  
CITY: 10.1L/100 KM



2013 AJAC BEST NEW SUV (OVER \$35K)

**INCLUDES AUTO & AIR**

**STANDARD FEATURES INCLUDE:** SIRIUS XM RADIO WITH BLUETOOTH® HANDS FREE PHONE SYSTEM • VEHICLE STABILITY MANAGEMENT W/ESC & TRACTION CONTROL SYSTEM • HEATED FRONT SEATS

## 2013 SONATA GL



Limited model shown



HWY: 5.6L/100 KM  
CITY: 8.7L/100 KM



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**INCLUDES AUTO & AIR**

**SELLING PRICE: \$25,700\*** SONATA GL AUTO. DELIVERY, DESTINATION & FEES INCLUDED. PLUS HST.

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**100,000 KM**  
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